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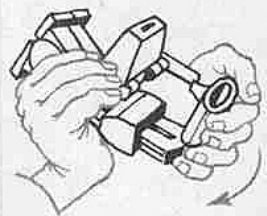
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WHAT A "GAL"

Please inform Dick DeBartolo that his "Gal Of Me" was perfect except for the title. He should have called it "Gaul Of Me" for having the "gaul" to make it better than the movie!

Brett Angus
Bedford, MA

My left side abhorred "Gal Of Me" but my right side loved it. Perhaps that is because I've been diagnosed as schizophrenic, although I'm not—and neither am I! Excuuuuuuuuuse me!

David F. Lynch
Upper Darby, PA

A REAL DOG OF A LETTER

Your "Things You Can Do For Your Dog On His Birthday" really hit me in the funny-BONE. It was DOG-gone funny. It made me HOWL with delight and BARK with laughter. Kee-PUP the good work!

Sami Fialkoff
Brooklyn, NY

Your BITING letter RABIE a bit RUFF but it did give us a new LEASH on life. POODLE-OO!—Ed.

ALFRED FOR THE DEFENSE

Once again Alfred tries his hands at politics!

Bradley Noack
Syracuse, NY



HAMMER IN THE SLAMMER

I like Sam Viviano's art on "Mike Hammy" in MAD #255. Now, how about giving him a story he can finish?

Steve Haynie
Easley, SC

Your satire on Mike Hammer was just great. Hey! Maybe you'll do a sequel in 10-20 (years)!

Anthony Provenza
Bethel, CT

MORON MAIL

Thank you for printing this letter. If you didn't print this letter thank you for considering it. If you didn't consider it thank you for reading it. If you didn't read it, thank you for at least putting your hands on it. If you didn't even put your grimy little hands on it, who the hell needs you schmucks!?

Stuart Rosenthal
Brooklyn, NY

I am 32 years old and have read MAD on and off since I was a kid. I am particularly grateful for the off years.

Rick Yavruian
Detroit, MI

We can understand why, you seem to be a little off yourself!—Ed.

THE MAD MINUTE

As we told you schmucks many times before, "The MAD Minute" is an ongoing series of (alleged) funny radio routines performed by MAD writer Dick DeBartolo. Here is the last list of stations now playing the Minute. If your favorite station wasn't listed, send us their name and address. We'll make sure they start receiving the tape. Send the station's name and address to: The MAD Minute, c/o MAD Magazine, 485 MADison Avenue, New York, NY 10022

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WHO NEEDS "WHO NEEDS IT?"

Who needs... a magazine with crummy articles and dumb stories, sold for a buck-twenty-five, and claiming to be cheap?

Ethan De Seife
Rye, NY

I see you idiots put your monthly screw-up in your "Who Needs It?" article in MAD #255. On page 38 you say, "Who needs a corner mailbox that has two mail pick-ups a day... at 10:00 A.M., and at 10:30 A.M." but in the picture, 10:15 A.M. and 10:30 A.M. are the times listed!

Tim Kazmerski
Lakewood, CO



...a corner mailbox that has two mail pick-ups a day... at 10:00 A.M., and at 10:30 A.M.

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FAMOUS AMISH KOOKIES DEPT.

Every now and then movie-makers become fascinated with stories that show different cultures in conflict, such as "A Passage To India" contrasting life in India with English Colonial culture. Another recent film shows the difference between two ways of *thinking*! Only this one illustrates the difference that exists in the *audience*! The chasm divides the simple minded from the astute. MAD classifies the first group as the...

Let us **never** forget that we Amish are **different** from other people! We do not permit drinking, dancing, TV, movies, or reading anything but the Bible!

What did he die of?
Boredom!

This story is about someone who belongs to a **dying breed**—one who **refuses** to **yield** to the accepted 20th century **morality**!

You mean an **Amish farmer**?

No—an **honest cop**!

The Amish want to be **left alone** to pursue their own special way of life!

I certainly **respect** that, don't you?

Of course! By the way, do you think they would mind **posing** for some shots in those **silly-looking outfits**?

I can't see why **not**!



ARTIST: ANGELO TORRES

Two tickets to **Baltimore**, please!

That woman has a **strong faith** in God!

You can tell that by the way she's **dressed**?

No, by the way she **believes** **Amtrak** can get them where they want to go!



I don't know the **name** of the **game** those **strange men** are **playing**...

He's **dead**!



...but I know **one** thing—they **play** for **keeps**! And though I'm a kid who's a complete **innocent**, even I know a **public toilet** is a pretty **witless** place to try to **secretly** **kill** someone!



WITLESS



WRITER: STAN HART



I know there's a **stiff penalty** for not leaving keys in your car in a parking lot like this, but these attendants are getting **ridiculous!** Hey, that's no attendant—that's **McWeewee**, detective turned defective! Since the only one I told about him was the **Chief**, they must **both** be in on the **murder!**

BLAM BLAM!!

I've got to get both of you out of here! You're in **danger!**

Are you hurt? You look bad...

Oh yeah? Well you look like "**second place**" in the **Brooke Shields Eyebrow Contest**, so I wouldn't talk if I were you!

What can we do about Officer Boob's **bullet wounds**, Zeb? You know some **miraculous home remedies...**

Something this serious calls for my **strong chicken soup!**

You're just like my **Jewish grandmother!**

Well, not exactly!

I will be your nurse and help you to regain your health!

Have you ever done this before?

Only for my husband!

How long did it take him to recover?

I don't know! We're still waiting!

Why is the wounded police officer here?

Because the **boy** is in **danger!** If they find **Detective Boob**, they'll also find the **boy!**

So why should he stay in the **same house** as the boy? Wouldn't it make **more sense** for them to be in **separate houses?**

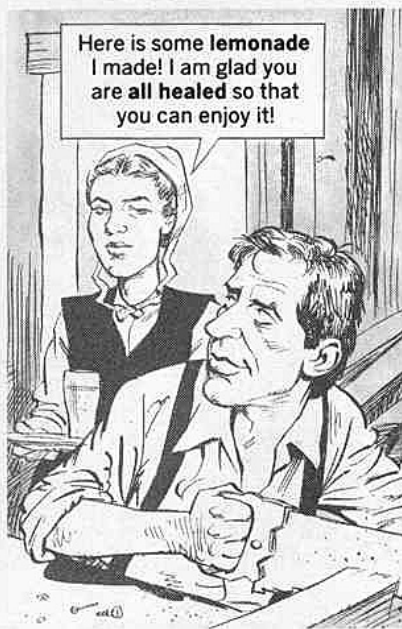
I would imagine so, but what do we Amish know about **making movies?**

You must understand that we are very **simple people** who do not **concern ourselves with others** and who are **totally removed** from the **modern world!** You probably do not know **anyone** like us!

Yes, I do!

President Reagan!

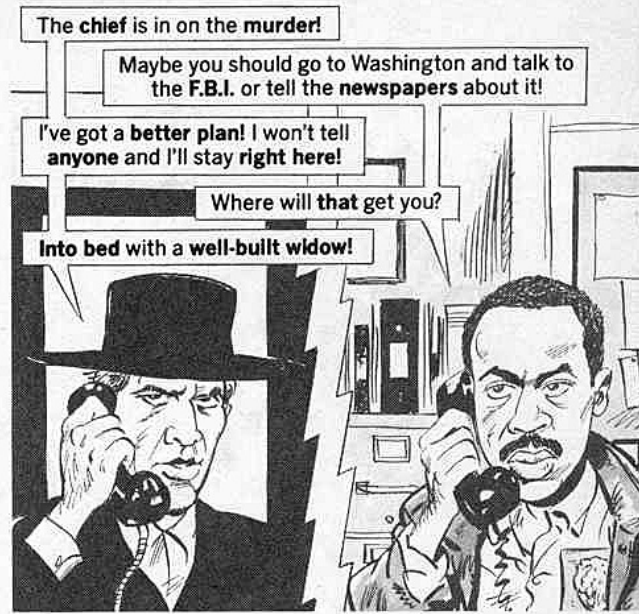
Who?



Here is some lemonade I made! I am glad you are **all** healed so that you can enjoy it!



Well, almost healed!



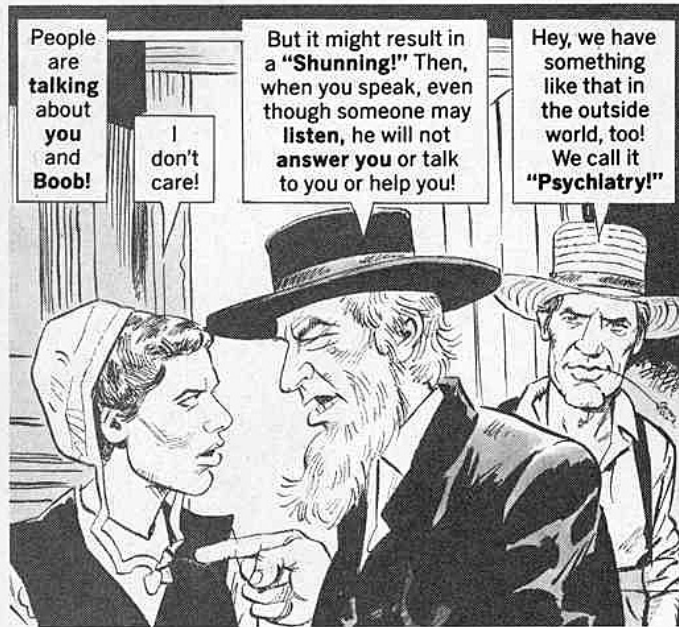
The chief is in on the murder!

Maybe you should go to Washington and talk to the F.B.I. or tell the newspapers about it!

I've got a **better plan!** I won't tell anyone and I'll stay right here!

Where will that get you?

Into bed with a well-built widow!

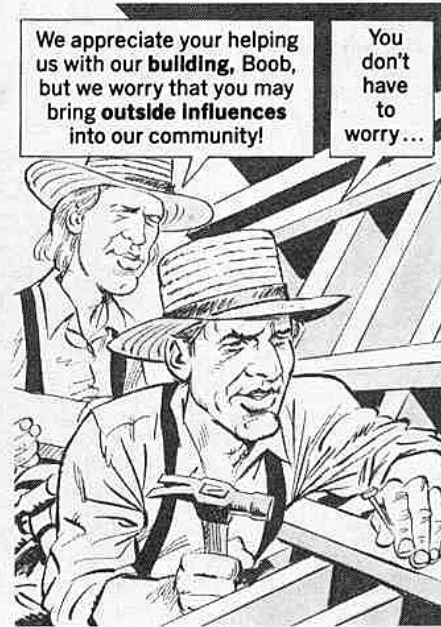


People are talking about you and Boob!

I don't care!

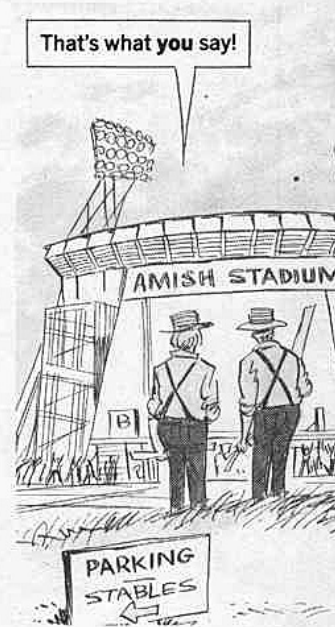
But it might result in a "**Shunning!**" Then, when you speak, even though someone may listen, he will not **answer you** or talk to you or help you!

Hey, we have something like that in the outside world, too! We call it "**Psychiatry!**"

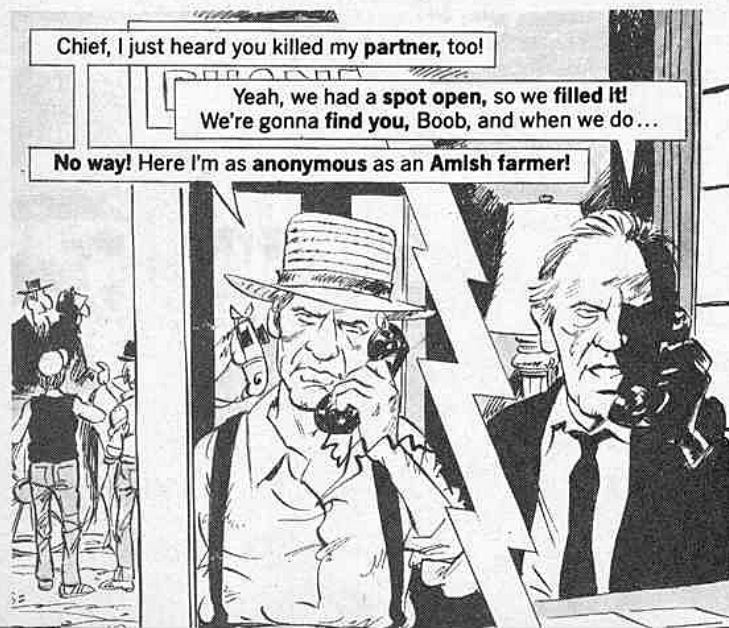


We appreciate your helping us with our **building**, Boob, but we worry that you may bring **outside influences** into our community!

You don't have to worry...



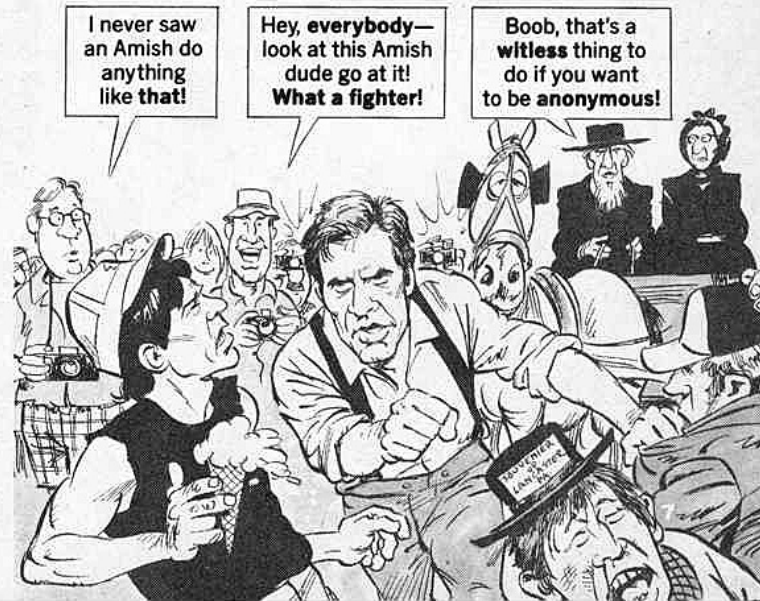
That's what **you** say!



Chief, I just heard you killed my **partner**, too!

Yeah, we had a **spot open**, so we filled it! We're gonna **find you**, Boob, and when we do...

No way! Here I'm as **anonymous** as an Amish farmer!



I never saw an Amish do anything like that!

Hey, **everybody**—look at this Amish dude go at it! **What a fighter!**

Boob, that's a **witless** thing to do if you want to be **anonymous!**

I feel so strange—Amish and horny at the same time!

This is **wrong!** We've got to stop...

But how?

In my world, we have a ritual that puts an end to sexual passion!

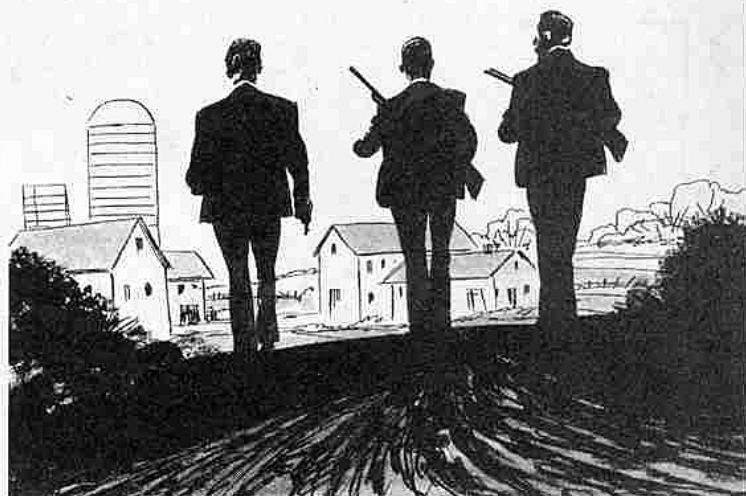
What is it called?

Marriage!



Remember, guys—we don't want to spare any victims we don't have to!

Right, Chief!



Better give up, Chief!

Let me think! It's **my word against yours** and I'm only the **Chief of Police!** I guess they'd sooner believe a detective who's been in **hiding for weeks**, who didn't tell **any authority** what he found out, who doesn't know **where** his dead partner hid the **records**, and who just killed the Philadelphia "**Policeman of the Year!**" In keeping with the **logic of this entire film**, I give up!



So long, kid! Next time, use the **ladies room!**



Boob, I'll never forget what you did...

I don't want any thanks!



You won't get any! You're leaving me here to marry this **shmendrick!**



The world of the Amish must have seemed very **strange** to you...

Naw! Once you've seen **one strange world**, you've seen 'em all!

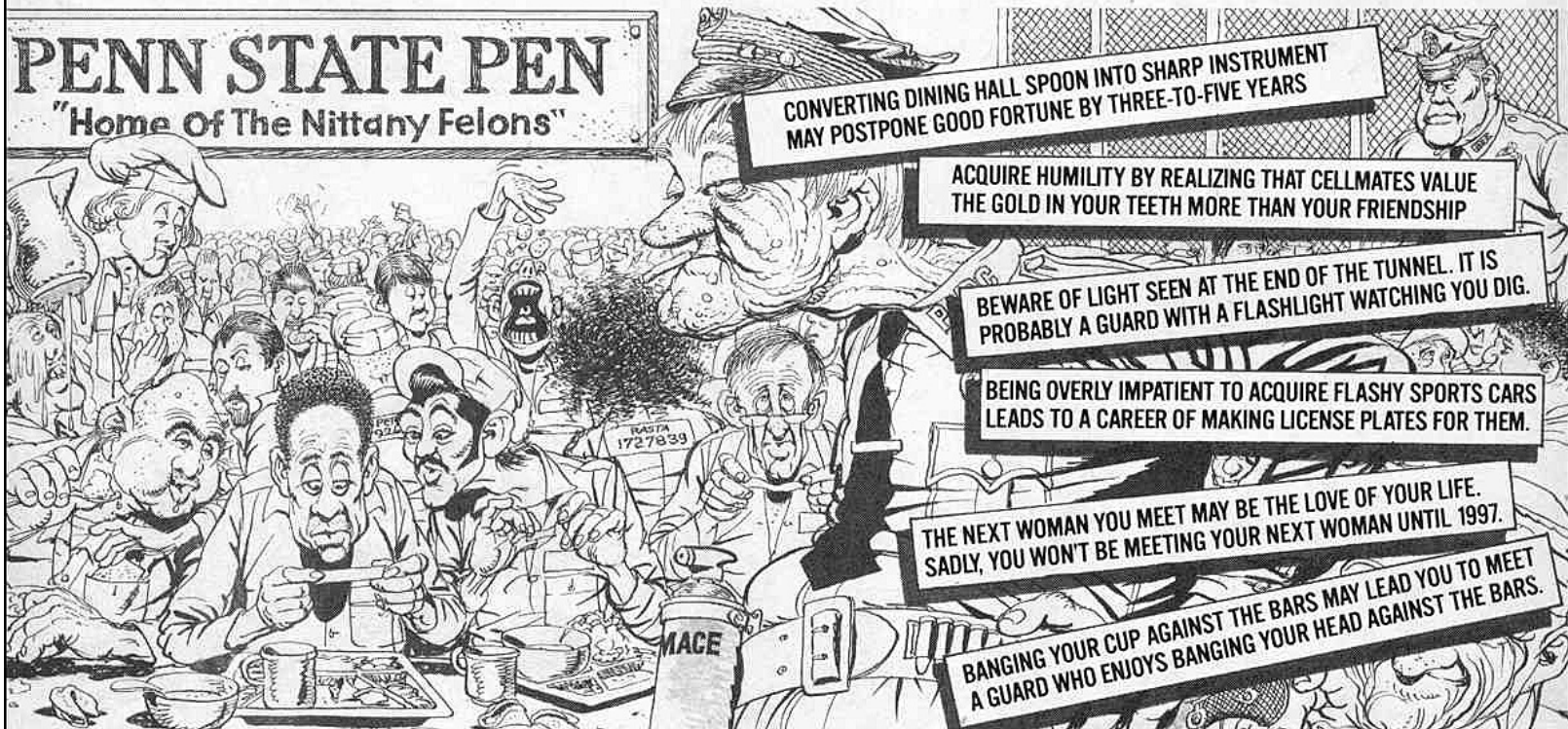


ONE BRIGHT MORNING AT THE BOSTON CEMETERY

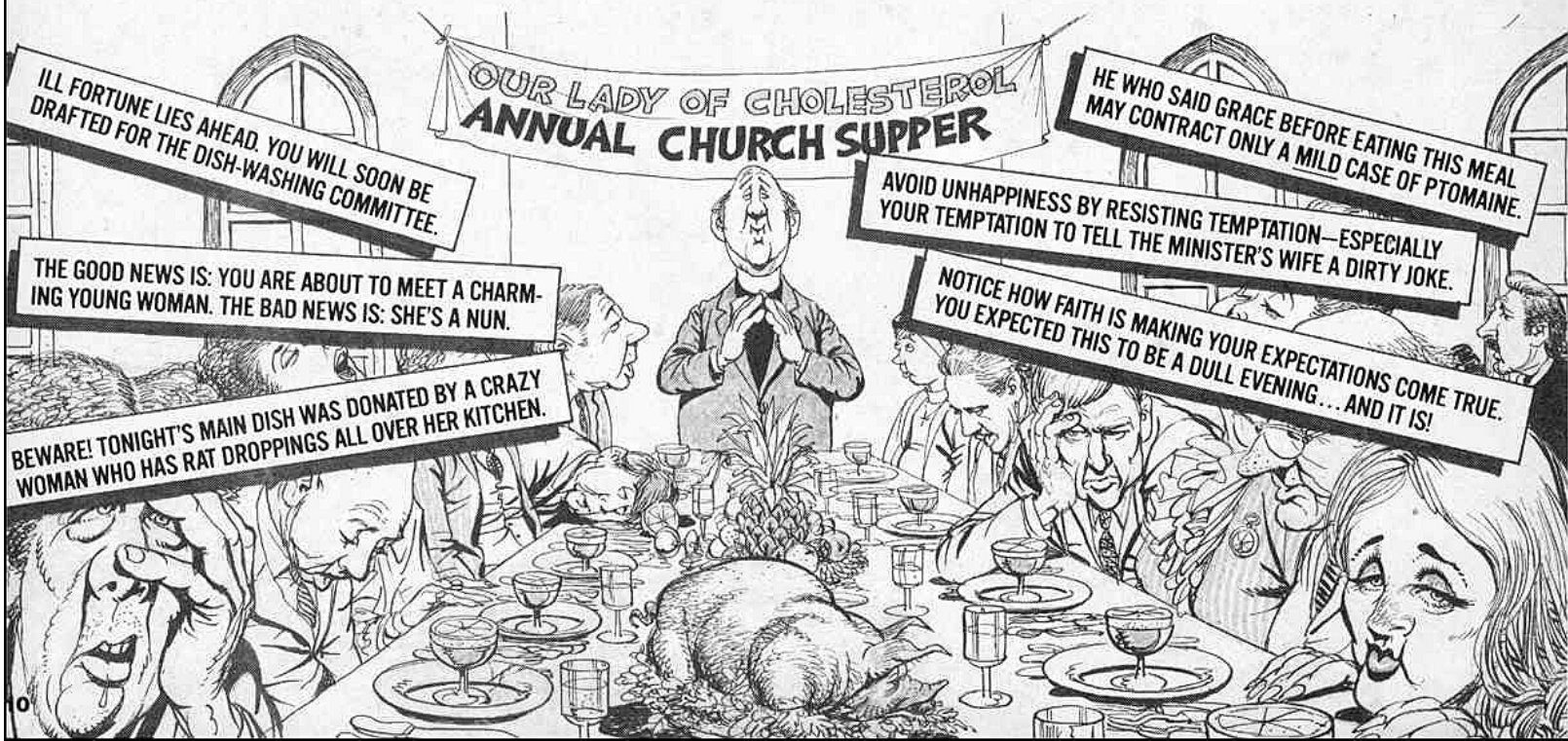


MAD hates to criticize a great old American tradition (or even a great old Cantonese tradition), but it's a fact that the "wisdom" found in Fortune Cookies is downright blah. Because Fortune Cookies are usually served in Chinese Restaurants, where the patrons come in all ages, genders and areas of interest. Hence, each "fortune"

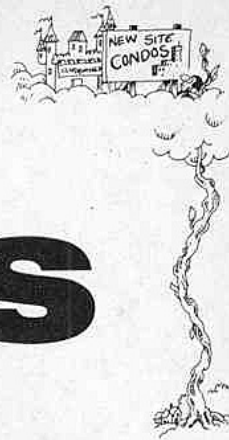
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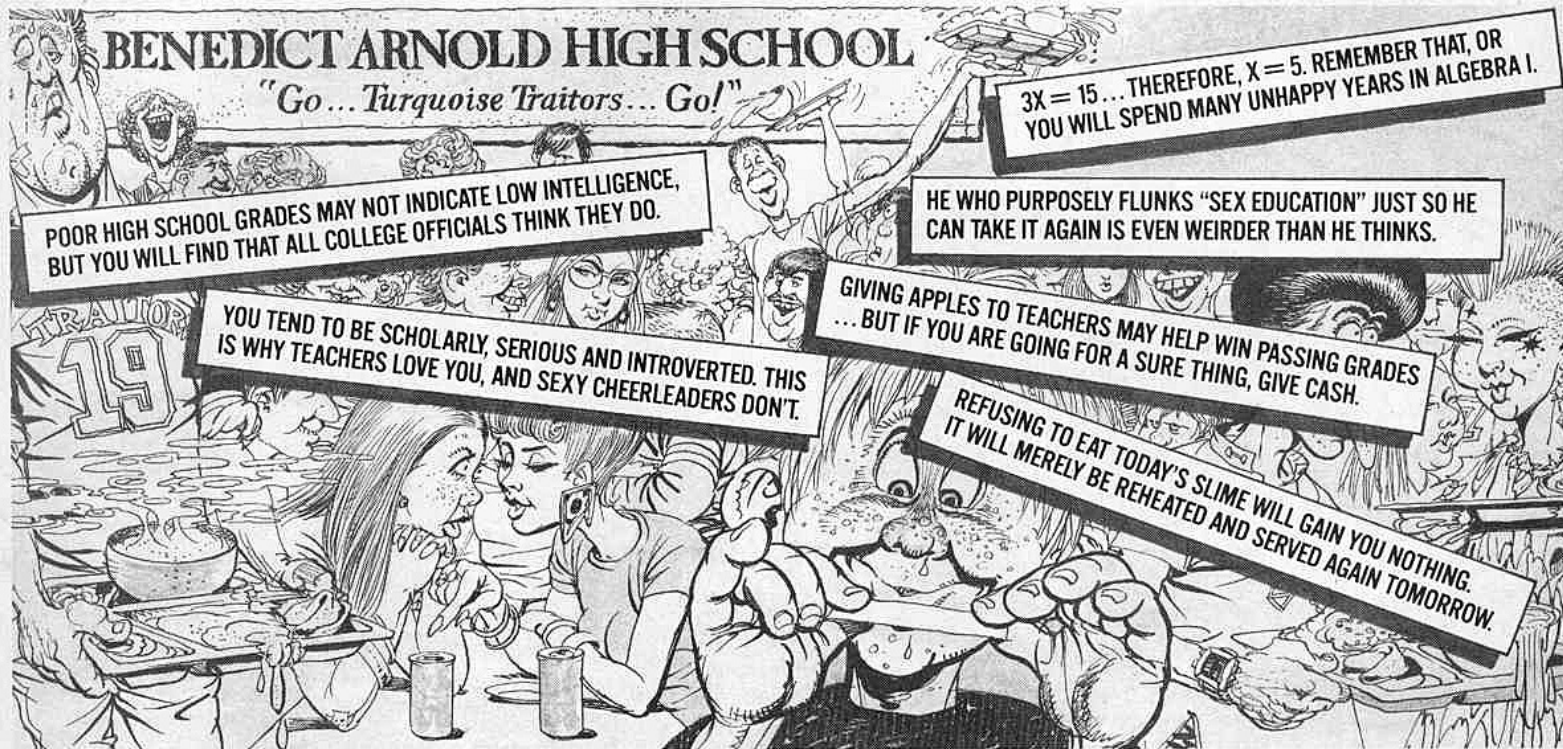
ARTIST: GEORGE WOODBRIDGE



must be worded vaguely enough to fit anyone who happens to receive it. On the other hand, Fortune Cookies are never served in such eateries as school cafeterias and prison mess halls, where those who gather have a lot more in common. Just imagine how meaningful and thought-provoking these messages could be if they introduced...



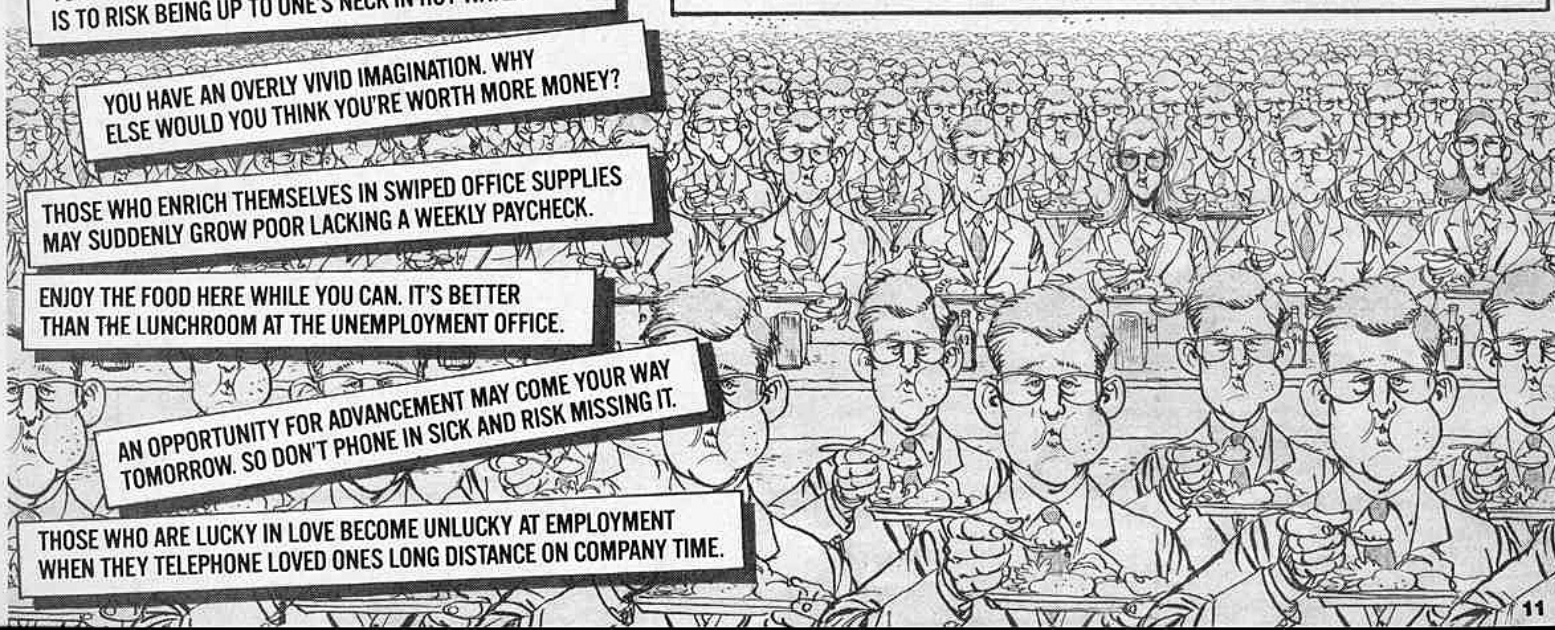
TUNE COOKIES INING SPOTS



WRITER: TOM KOCH

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FORTUNE FLAUNTER'S CHARITY BANQUET

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YOU ARE A KIND, GOOD-HEARTED, GIVING PERSON. ALSO, YOU KNOW A GOOD TAX WRITE-OFF WHEN YOU SEE ONE.

YOU ARE EVEN MORE CHARITABLE THAN YOU REALIZE. AT THIS VERY MOMENT, A NEEDY PERSON IS BURGLARIZING YOUR HOME.

YOU ARE DESTINED TO BECOME EXTREMELY POPULAR. YOUR NAME IS NOW ON THE LIST OF EVERY FUND RAISER IN TOWN.

YOU ARE BELOVED FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TOWARD OTHERS. TRY TO REMEMBER THAT WHEN THE TIME COMES TO TIP TONIGHT'S WAITERS.

YOUR IMMEDIATE FUTURE IS CLEAR. YOU WILL SOON RECEIVE SOME HALF-MELTED CRUMMY ICE CREAM AND A VANILLA WAFER.

WISE MAN SAY, "SHE WHO BUYS \$2,000 GOWN FOR CHARITY BASH COULD PERHAPS AFFORD MORE THAN \$1000 FOR THE CHARITY!"

THE FLOPSY-MOPSY NURSERY SCHOOL

"SEND THESE, YOUR TEMPER TANTRUM-TOSSED, TO ME"

HE WHO DESIRES TO WIN TEACHER'S AFFECTION WILL FAKE SLEEP CONVINCINGLY DURING NAP TIME

FATE DECREES THAT THOSE WHO DISOBEY THEIR TEACHERS SHALL BE TAKEN ON FIELD TRIPS... AND LEFT THERE.

YOU MAY SOON EXPERIENCE ROMANCE WITH A SHORT PERSON WHO HAS NO FRONT TEETH. AT YOUR AGE, NOTHING BETTER IS AROUND.

LIVE ONLY FOR THE JOYS OF THE PRESENT. SOON, YOU MAY FIND THAT YOU CAN'T HACK IT IN FIRST GRADE.

HE WHO IS NOT TOILET TRAINED AT THE AGE OF FOUR IS DOOMED TO SPEND THIS SEMESTER IN ETERNAL DAMPNESS.

BEWARE! THOSE WHO THROW TEMPER TANTRUMS MAY SOON BE PUT ON A SCHOOL BUS HEADED OUT OF TOWN.

GOOD NEWS: YOU ARE NOW CRUISING OFF AN ISLAND PARADISE.
BAD NEWS: IT CAN ONLY BE SEEN FROM CABINS WITH WINDOWS.

YOU ARE A POOR PLANNER. ALL THE BEAUTIFUL PEOPLE YOU'D HOPED TO MEET WERE ON LAST MONTH'S CRUISE.

FAVORABLY, YOUR MAKE-OUT PLANS ARE MATERIALIZING.
UNFAVORABLY, THE SHIP IS HEADING INTO A HURRICANE.

YOU SHOWED CLEVERNESS IN DRESSING FORMALLY FOR DINNER. NOW, YOU'LL LOOK EVEN LOVELIER WHEN YOU GET SEASICK AND THROW UP.

YOU WILL SOON VISIT A TROPICAL PORT WHERE MANY BEAUTIFUL WOMEN ARE WAITING TO STEAL YOUR WALLET.

LOVEY-DOVEY BOAT

DO NOT DISPAIR THAT THIS CRUISE HAS PRODUCED NO EXCITEMENT. ACTIVITY WILL SOON PICK UP BECAUSE WE ARE SLOWLY SINKING.

HIPPIE-CRITICAL DEPT.

Ever wonder what became of the tens of thousands of screaming rock fanatics who were part of...

woodstock 1969



Well, for one thing, they're a lot older! For another, they're now part of that large group of Americans called "**Yuppies**" (Young Urban Professionals)! What's it like when **flower children** and **protesters** turn into **high-tech, tie-wearing, church-going, money-making achievers**? Let's hear from the **Yuppies themselves** as Mad presents...

woodstock revisited

ARTIST: SERGIO ARAGONES

WRITER: FRANK JACOBS

Those days are gone... and we've found a brand-new cause;
Now it's **big bucks** that we groove, yes-sir-ee!
With our wives we're talk-in'
Stocks and bonds and pension plans—
What's... more—we... dig... the... G... O... P

we were the world!

[illegible]

Once we'd turn on, and get mellow from the high,
But the glow is for-got-ten and gone;
Today... we turn on... whatever's on TV;
Ain't no grass—ex-cept... what's... on... our... lawn..



We were the voices!
We were the ones... who **burned the flag**
and **led a rev-o-lu-tion**;
"Filthy punks," **they called us**;
It suited us just fine;
But now... we're suited by **Bill Blass**
And **Calvin Klein**.

we were the world!



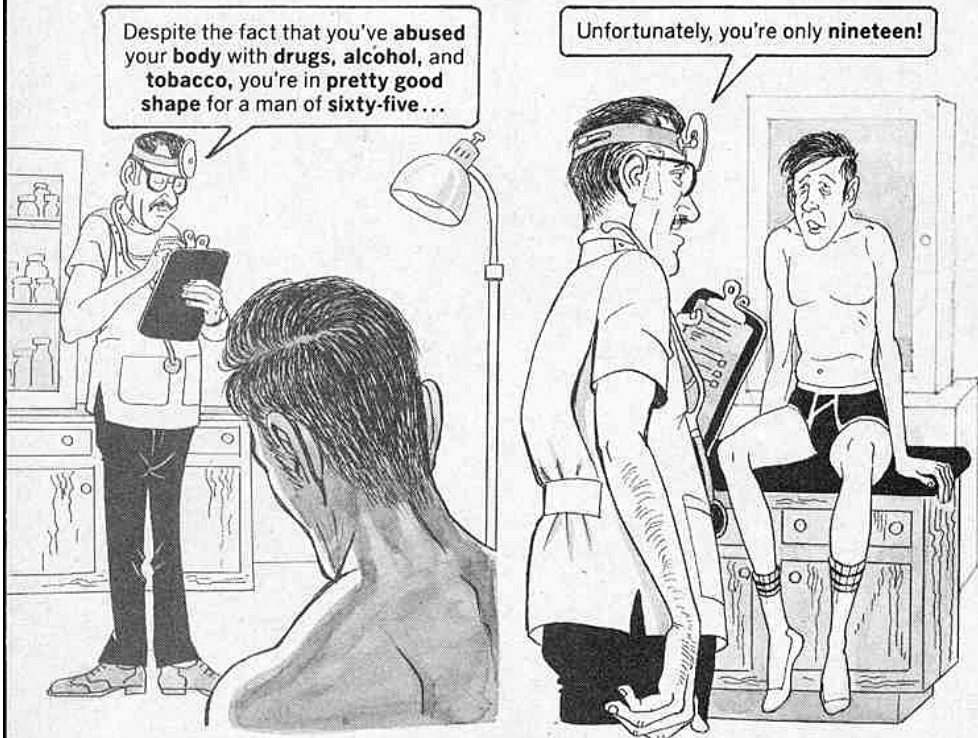
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BERG'S-EYE VIEW DEPT.

THE LIGHTS

HEALTH



DATING



EDUCATION

The **academic level** at my college is very **low**! I know of some seniors who can hardly **read** or **write**!

It's not that way at State! Our standards are so high that the **coaches** won't give a **varsity letter** to a **jock**...

... unless he knows what letter it is!



R SIDE OF...

ARTIST & WRITER:
DAVE BERG

I'll say! When they told me how much you loved your **video tape movie collection**, I said, "She's for me!"

Tonight I'll make us a **candlelight dinner**, then we'll watch some **great old movies**...

I'll bring a **great wine** and the **greatest flicks** from my **VHS collection**!

VHS?
I'm BETA!



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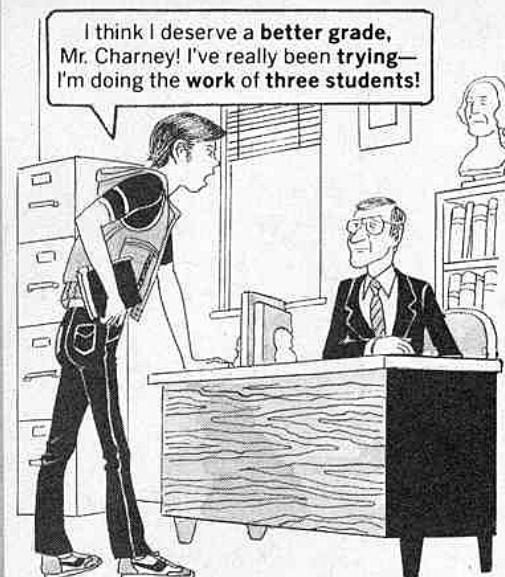
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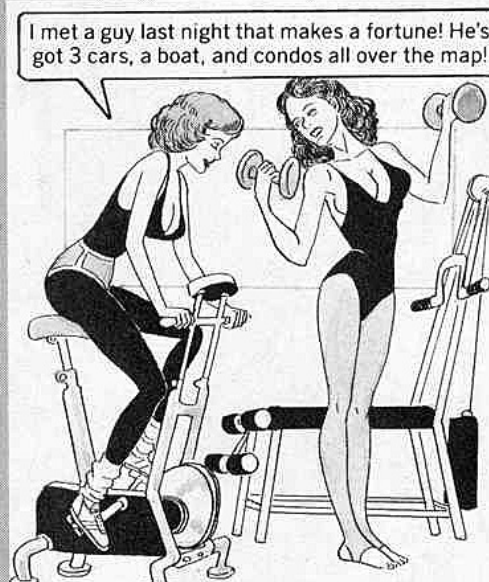
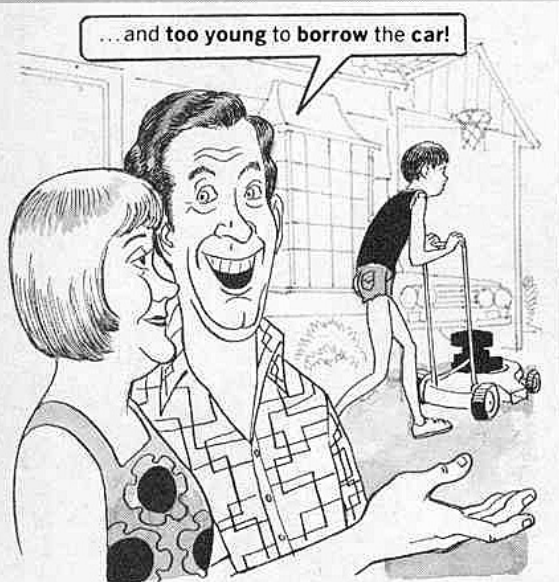
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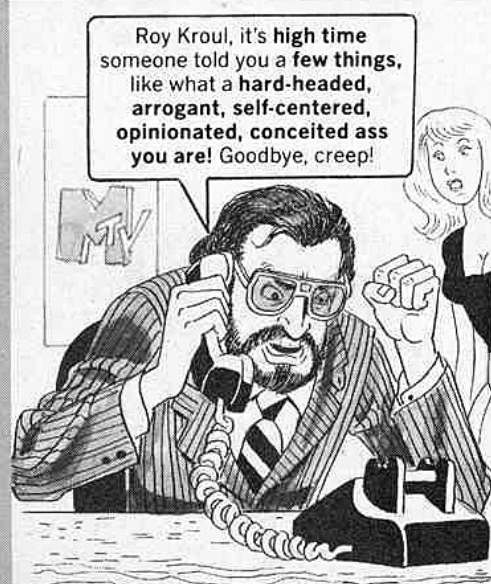
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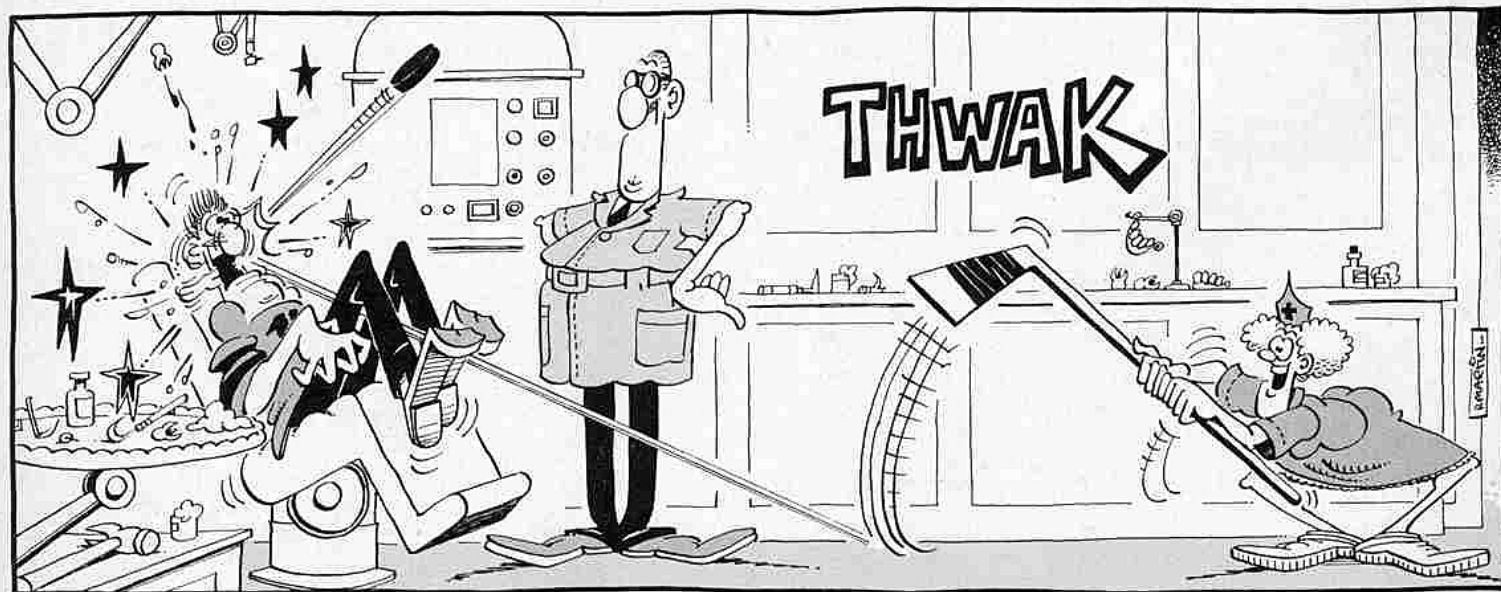
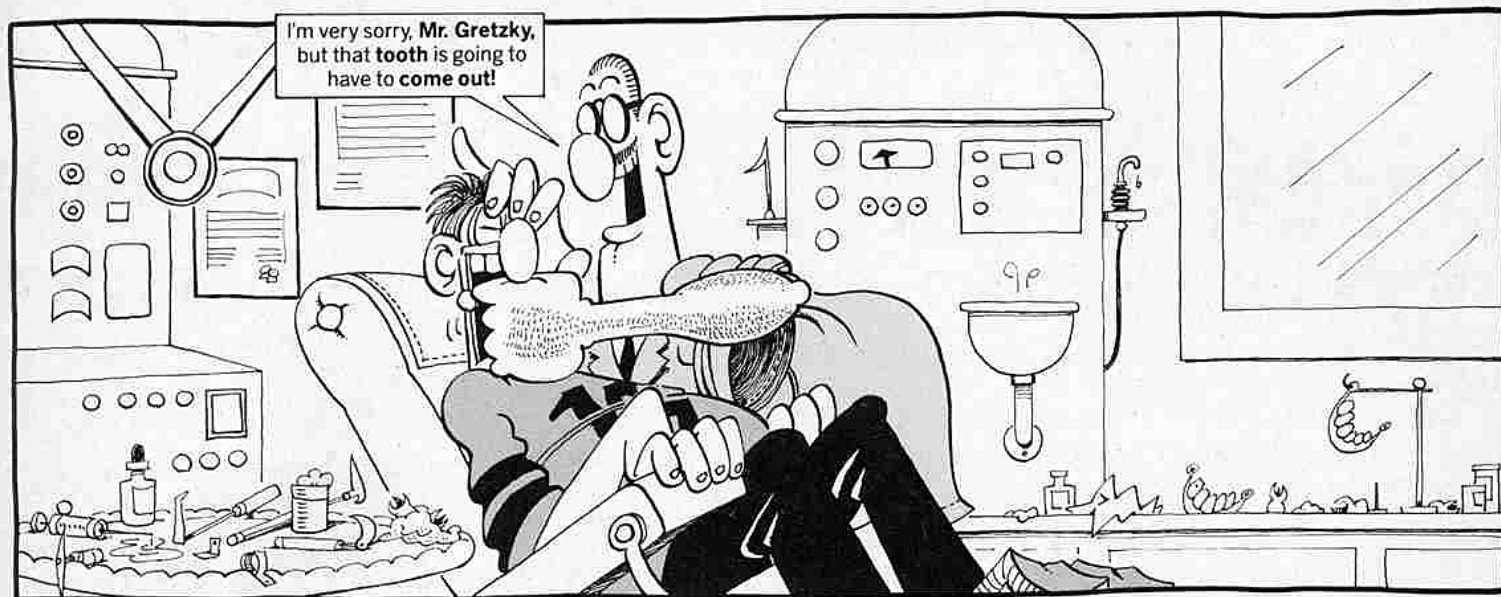
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ONE DARK AFTERNOON IN EDMONTON



THE MAD ST

ARTIST: BOB CLARKE

CONNORS UPSETS McENROE Jimmy Leads In Product Endorsements

NEW YORK, A jubilant Jimmy Connors had reason to celebrate yesterday as he surpassed John McEnroe to again become the number one ranked player on the Professional Tennis Product Endorsement Circuit.

Connors, long time commercial spokesman for cameras, designer jeans, shaving cream and liquid bleach, was the undisputed champion until McEnroe gained notoriety and was asked to appear in ads for disposable razors, credit cards and sandwich bags. Fighting back from the unexpected losses of his breakfast cereal and antacid tablet accounts, the determined Connors struck three times yesterday, landing product endorsements for athlete's foot powder, life

insurance and decaffeinated cola. The cola endorsement was particularly disturbing to McEnroe, who for years held a virtual lock in the soft drink category.

An incensed McEnroe says he will contest the ruling which scores his separate endorsements of Dorman's Swiss, Kraft Cheddar and Mafioso Romano as a single endorsement under the heading of "Cheese." Speaking with reporters, McEnroe said, "It's rulings like this that make a mockery of professional tennis."

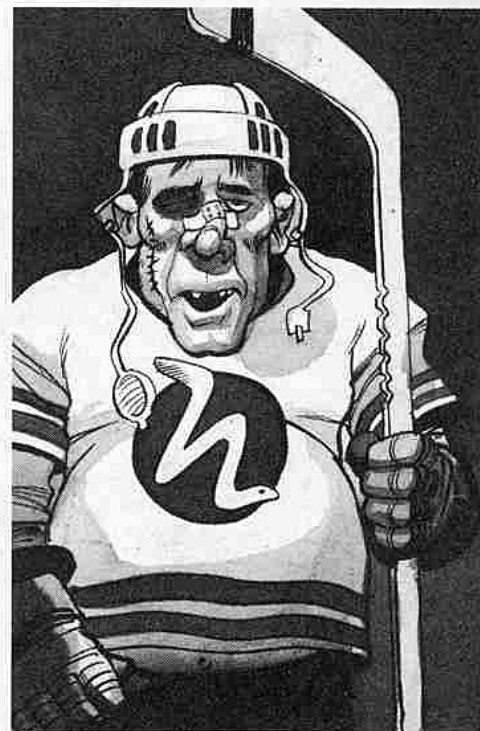


LAST NIGHT'S MOVIE TITLE LEAGUE RESULTS

Jaws	2	Nineteen	41
The Magnificent	7	Oceans	11
North Dallas	40	Summer Of	42
Catch	22	How The West Was	1
Rocky	3	Chapter	2
Superman	2 (1st)	Star Trek	3
Rocky	2	9 To	5
Superman	3 (2nd)	Halloween	2
Godfather Part	2	Airport	77
History Of The World Part	1	Death Race	2,000

Hockey Player Sets Record

PUCK HITS FACE
FOR 1,000TH TIME



HALIFAX, CANADA Halifax Eels defenseman, Gordie Thwack, made history last night when his nose got in the way of a blistering slapshot off the stick of New Brunswick's Wayne Bugchuck, making Gordie the first player ever to be hit in the face by a puck 1,000 times. Gordie, whose nose was broken for the 218th time (26th time this year), has also been hit 186 times in the jaw, 307 times in the mouth, and 289 times in the eyes (169 left, 120 right).

A short ceremony followed the injury, during which Gordie was awarded the puck. "This is the happiest day of my life," said a toothless Gordie, who was immediately rushed to Halifax Hospital for the 95th time this season. He received eight stitches, moving him into third place on Hockey's All-Time Stitch List.

PORTS PAGE

WRITERS: CHARLIE KADAU & JOE RAIOLA

NBA TEAMS REALIGNED Hoopsters Don't Know Who To Play



SEATTLE, Players in the National Basketball Association are now considered the most bewildered athletes in the nation due to the realignment of teams as announced yesterday by Basketball Commissioner Nelson Chinski.

"We're all confused," said Los Angeles Center Kareem Abdul Giraffe, whose team showed up last night at the Kingdome to play Seattle, only to find a rodeo in progress. The Seattle team thought they were scheduled to play against Dallas in Chicago, as did nine other teams.

Commissioner Chinski's realignment, which many believe is the cause of the recent trouble, is as follows:

- Milwaukee and Chicago were moved from the Western Conference's Midwestern Division to the Eastern Conference's Central Division.
- Houston and San Antonio were moved from the Eastern Conference's Southern

Division to the Northeast Conference's West Central Division.

- The entire East Central Division was moved from the Southwest's Northern Conference to the North South's Eastern Conference.
- Atlanta is now the only team in the Southern Conference's South Southern Division, and as a result, isn't scheduled to play anyone.

Commissioner Chinski told reporters, "Basketball is much more exciting now. Fans can never be sure if the teams will show up or where they'll be playing if they do. It's the best thing for the game."

NEW FOOTBALL LEAGUE FORMED WILL PLAY ALL GAMES DURING HALFTIMES

LOS ANGELES, At a press conference this morning, sports promoter Kelly Lemon announced the formation of the Halftime Football League (HTFL). Lemon said HTFL games will be played during the fifteen minute halftimes at all NFL and USFL games.

After appointing himself Commissioner, Lemon explained what he called the 'outstanding features' of the new league. "From opening kickoff to the final gun we'll have four action packed three minute quarters. We'll be able to charge fans for seeing two games instead of one and best of all, no one will have to sit through those incredibly boring halftimes shows anymore."



Each HTFL game will have a three minute halftime, during which the games of the soon-to-be-formed Three Minute Football League (TMFL) will be played.

YOU BE THE UMP

by Otto Skunk

In April of 1983, the Royals were playing the Angels in Anaheim, California. In the third inning, Kansas City third baseman, George Brett, hit a towering foul pop-up off pitcher Tommy John. First baseman Rod Carew attempted to make the catch while standing in foul territory. The ball hit his glove and landed in fair territory. Is the ball fair or

foul? If you were the umpire, how would you call it?

Answer

If you were an umpire in April of 1983, you would have been on strike and walking a picket line outside of the stadium! You wouldn't have seen the play and the only calls you'd be making would be for higher salaries and better benefits!



For every inflight meal that you eat without barfing, you get a bonus of 10,000 miles.



For having to use a restroom in disgusting condition, you collect 15,000 bonus miles.

DICK DePT.

Almost every airline flying today has a "Frequent Traveler Bonus Plan"—a system whereby regular passengers are given points for the miles they fly. Well, the folks here at MAD fly a lot, and often use airplanes to do it. But we don't think passengers should be given bonus points for the miles they fly, we think passengers should be given points for the hassles and aggravations they're forced to put up with! So, while we doubt this will ever get off the ground, here's

A FREQUENT FLYER BONUS PROGRAM WE'D LIKE TO SEE

ARTIST: JACK DAVIS

WRITER: DICK DE BARTOLO



For every 10 minutes your flight is

"Ladies and Gentlemen, this is the Captain. Just wanted to report that everything is fine up here."



24 For every boring announcement the Captain makes when you're trying to sleep, earn 500 bonus miles.



If "Utah Backroads" (or a similar publication) is the only magazine available, earn 5,000 bonus miles.



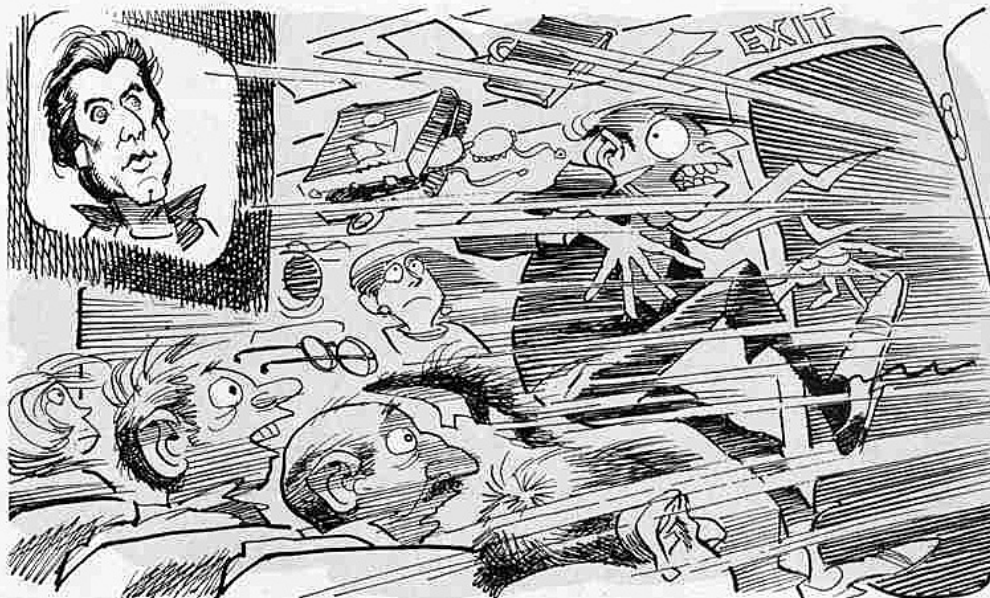
For every boring story told to you by the passenger sitting next to you, you are awarded 1,000 bonus miles.



For every one of your bags damaged, you collect 15,000 bonus miles.



delayed, you collect 1,000 bonus miles.



For the movie being so bad that you walk out on it, earn 50,000 bonus miles.

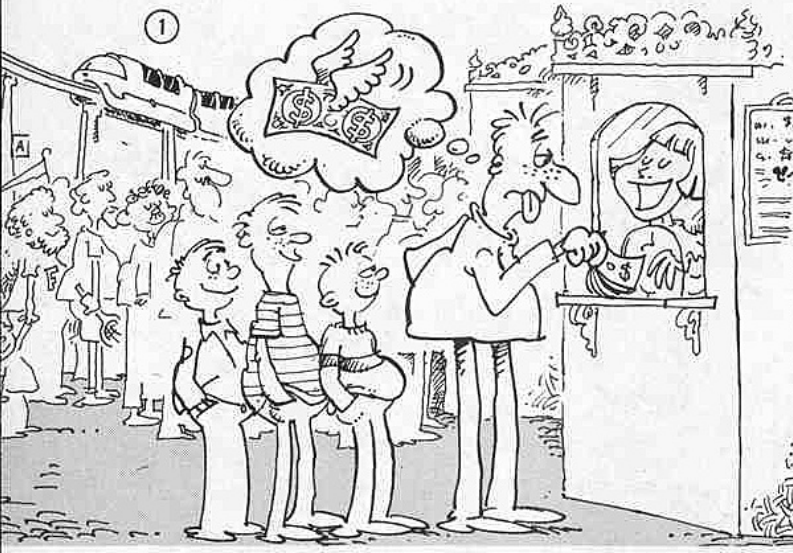


For being assigned a seat in the smoking section, when you are a non-smoker, earn 25,000 bonus miles.

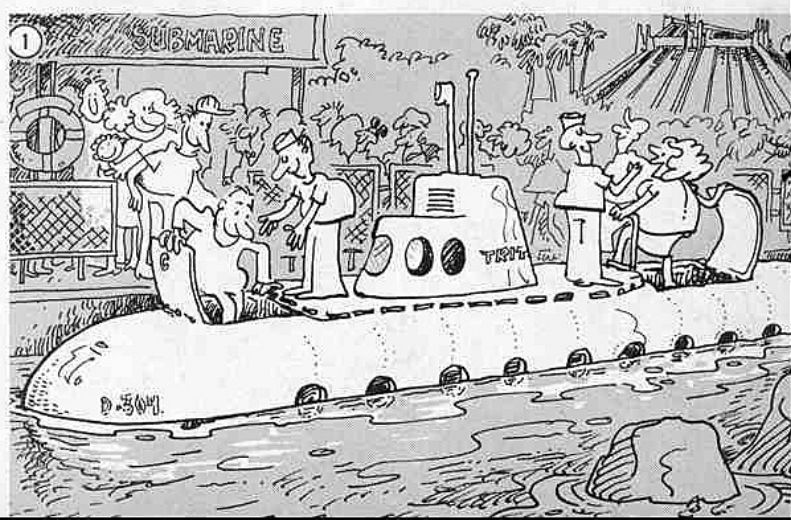


For being assigned a seat next to a crying baby, earn 5,000 miles. (If you are a non-smoker and get assigned a seat next to a crying baby that smokes, earn 25,000.) 25

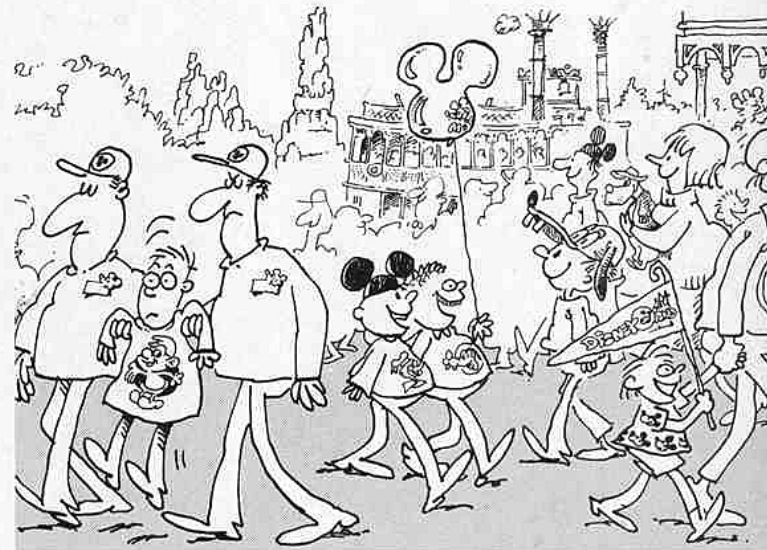
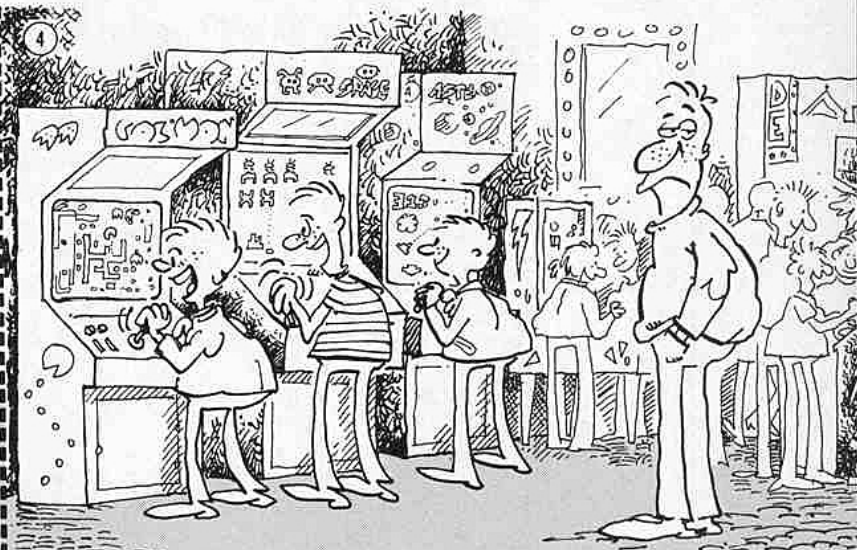
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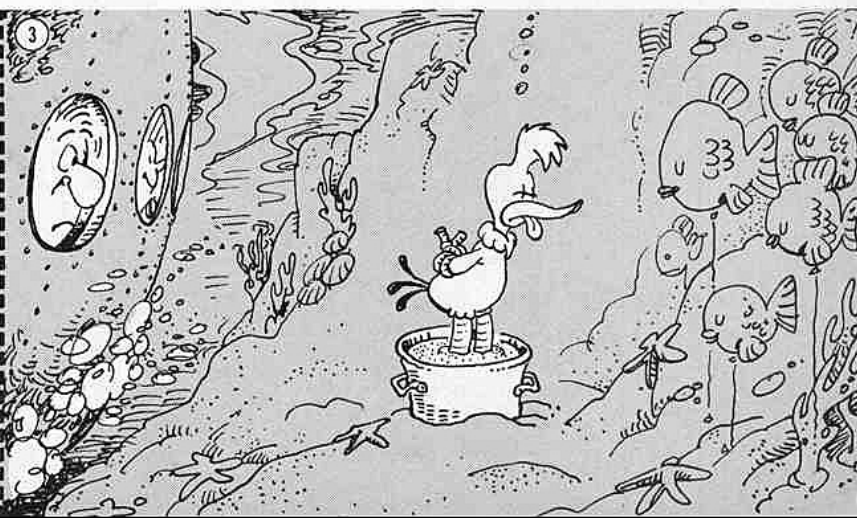
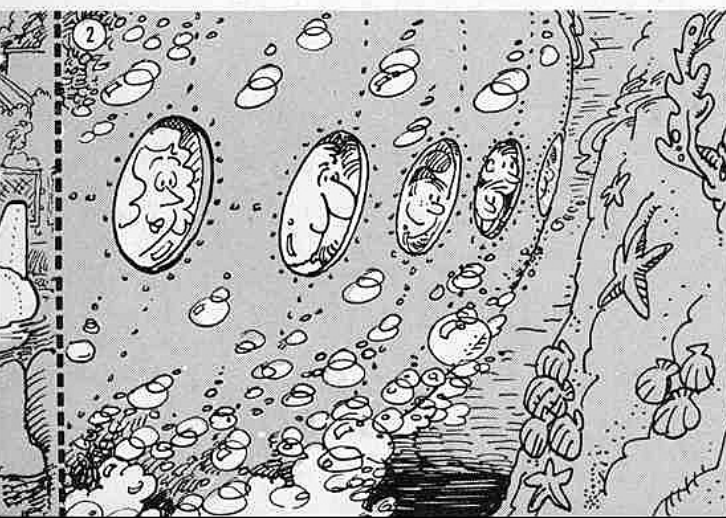
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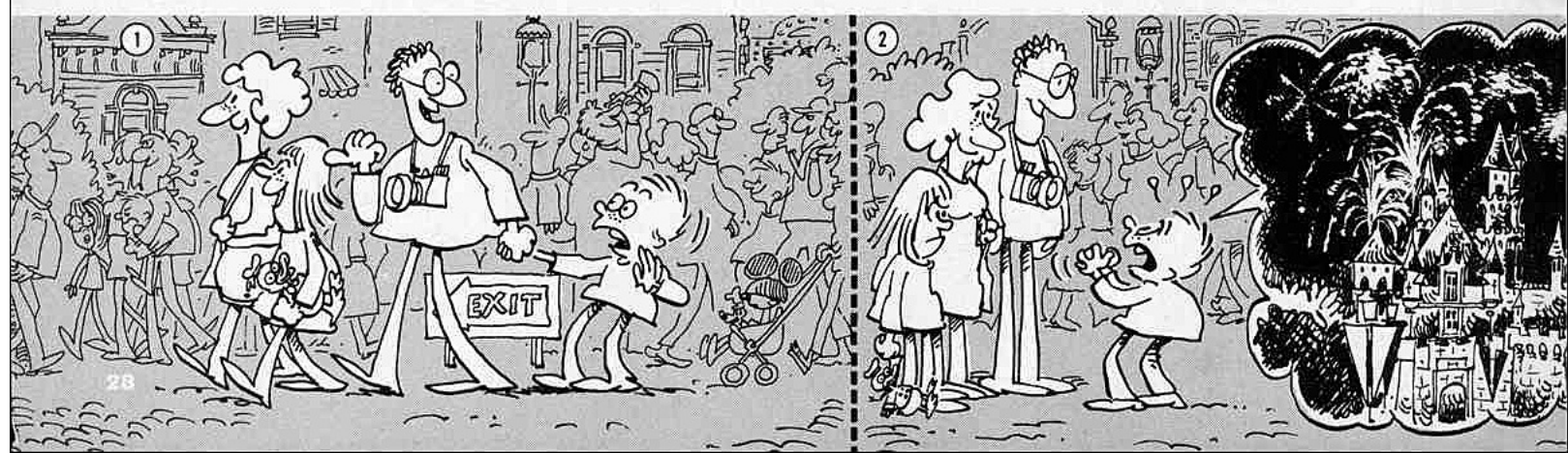
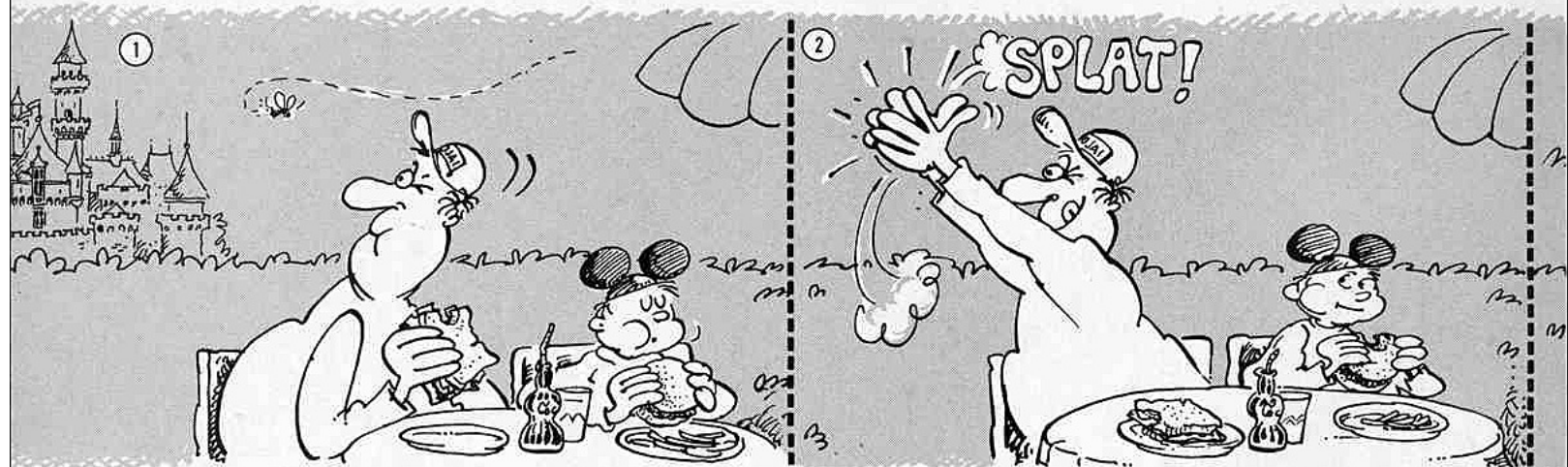
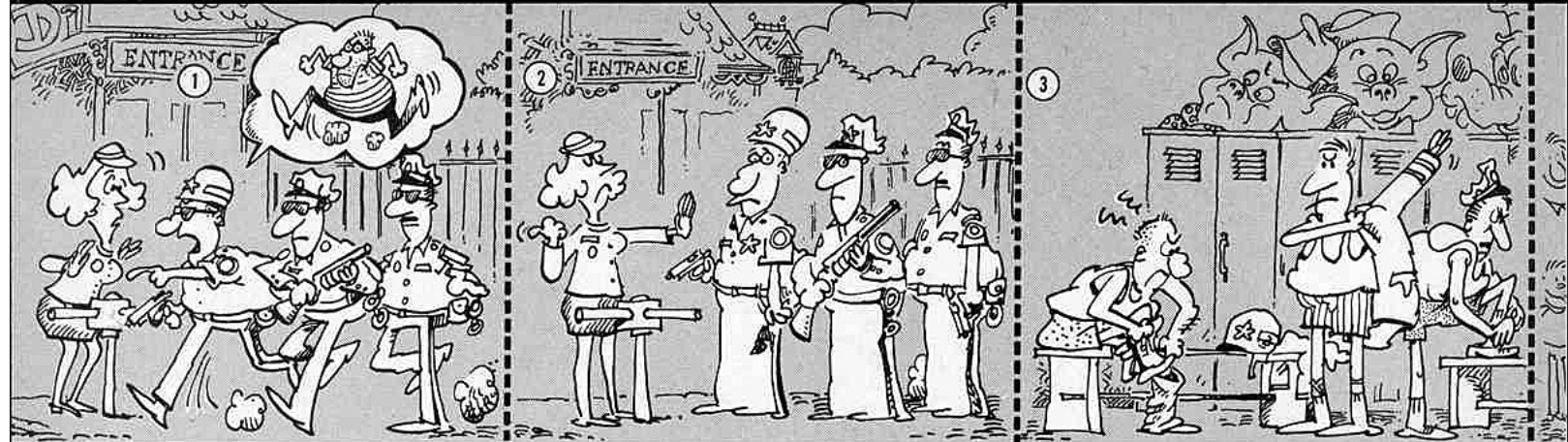


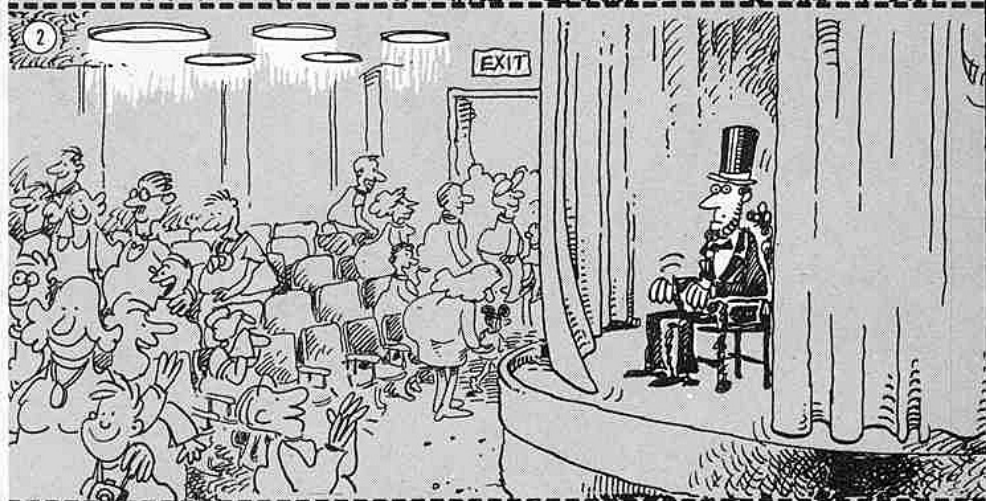
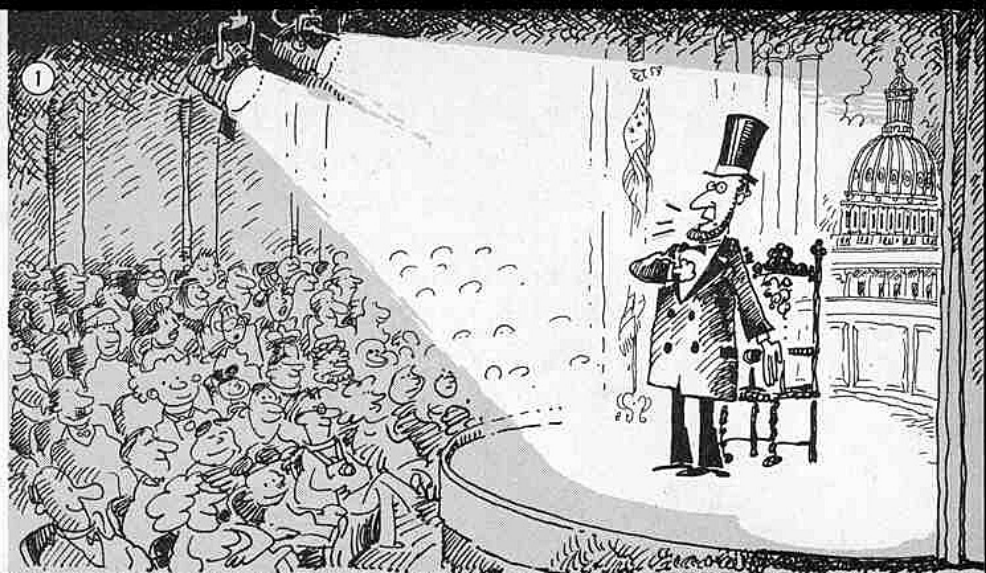
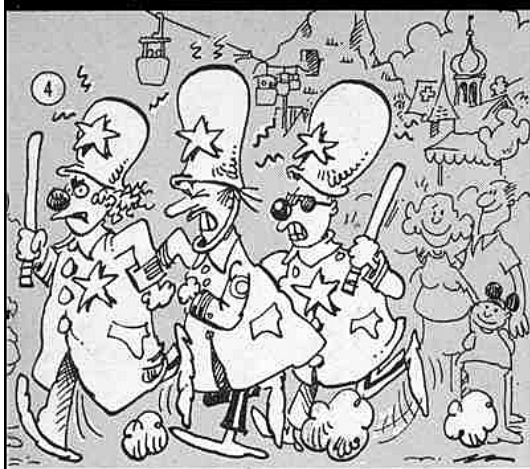
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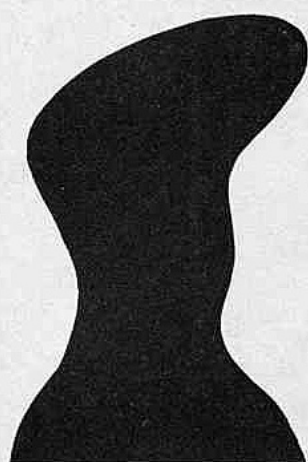
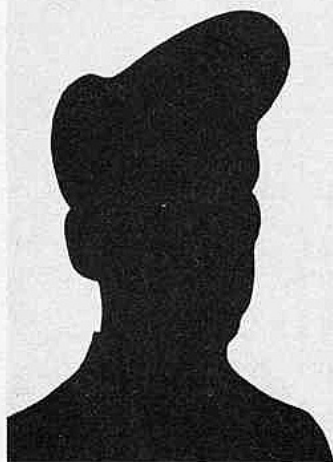


THE SHADOW DOESN'T KNOW DEPT.

Get ready, all you "Celebrity Spotters" out there! Have we got a game for you! So you think you can spot your heroes under any conditions, eh? Well, could you identify them in a dark alley... with a strong light behind them? Let's see how well you do...by playing...



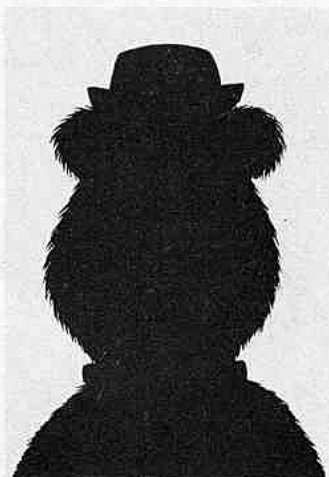
CELEBRITY OR...WHICH FAM



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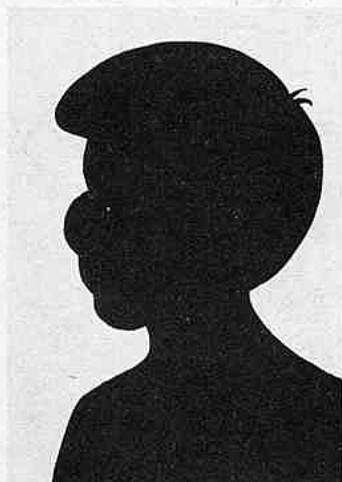
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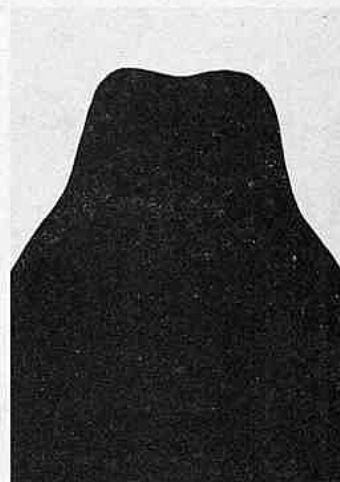
Which is **KENNY RODGERS** ...and which is **FOZZIE BEAR**?



Which is **GENE SIMMONS** ...and which is **CHEWBACCA**?



Which is **JIMMY CARTER** ...and which is **HOWDY DOODY**?



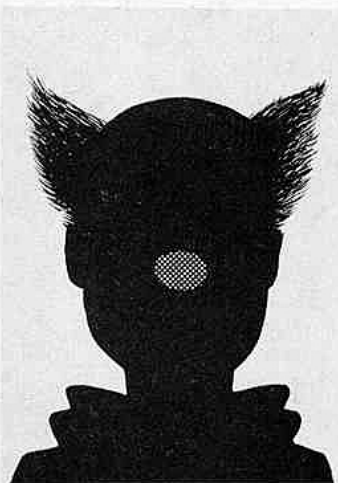
Which is **DIANA ROSS** ...and which is **JABBA THE HUTT**?

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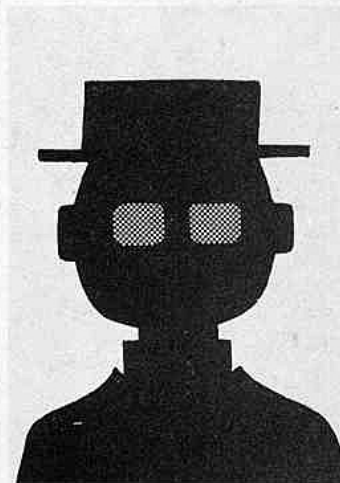
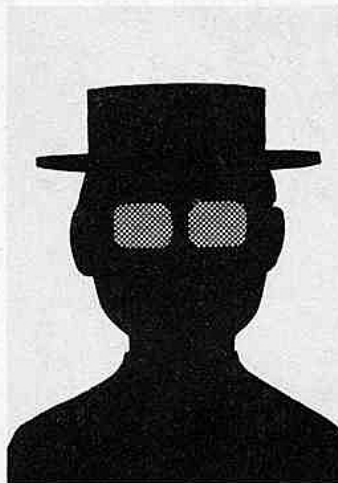
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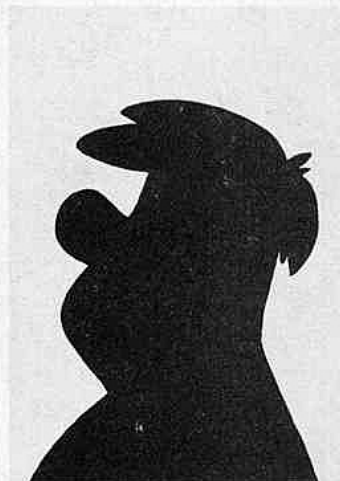
Which is LARRY FINE ...and which is BOZO THE CLOWN?



Which is ELTON JOHN ...and which is MR. ZIP CODE?



Which is DAVID OGDEN STIERS ...and which is CAPTAIN AMERICA?



Which is TIP O'NEILL ...and which is FRED FLINTSTONE?



Which is GRACE JONES ...and which is FRANKENSTEIN?



Which is TED KOPPEL ...and which is ALFRED E. NEUMAN?

STRONG GUESTS OF WIND DEPT.

FIRST ANNUAL GUESTS OF THE PH



MY
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L REUNION IL DONAHUE SHOW

ARTIST: SAM VIVIANO

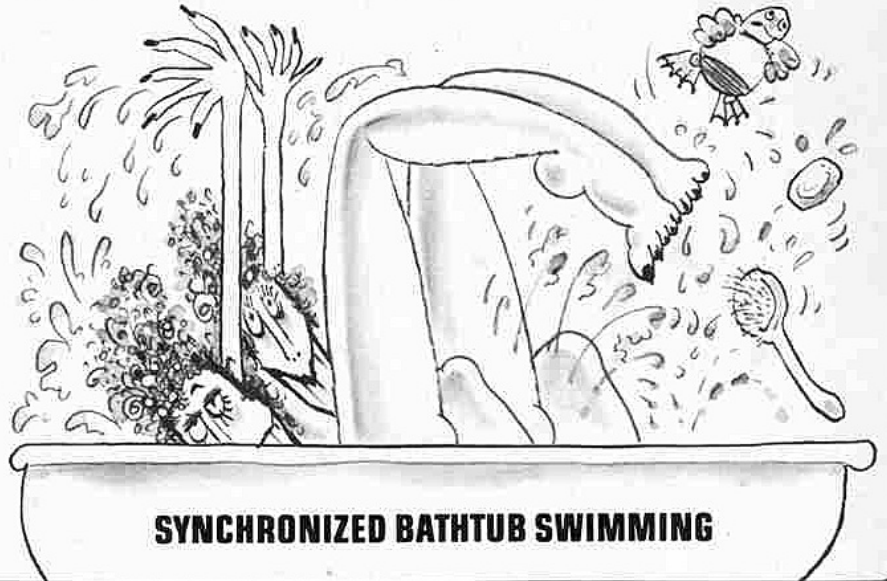
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PRACTICING AND AROUND



BEDROOM CLOSET HANDBALL



SYNCHRONIZED BATHTUB SWIMMING

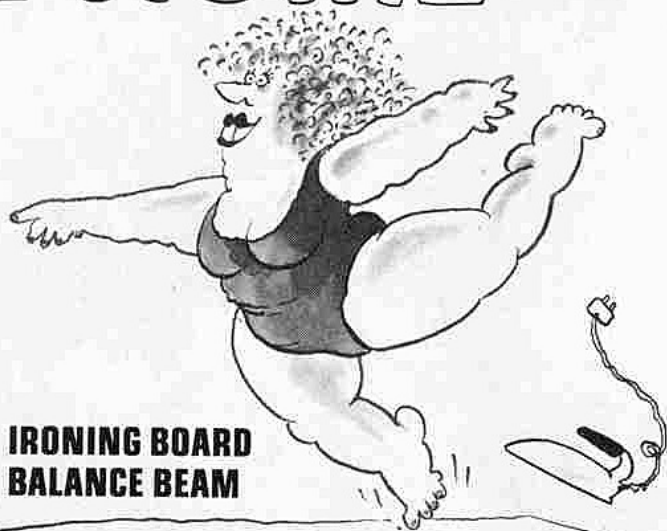


FRONT HALL BASE STEALING

NURSERY LOW HURDLES



SPORTS IN THE HOME



**IRONING BOARD
BALANCE BEAM**



CURTAIN ROD KICK KARATE



HEAT VENT HOCKEY



WATER HEATER BLOCK AND TACKLE

Nowadays, it seems like almost every Doctor or Psychiatrist has compiled a "Stress Chart"...which is designed to measure the level of stress caused by certain events in our lives, like being imprisoned, or getting a divorce,

THE MAD ST



Finding a cockroach on your toothbrush.

20 units



When the shower unexpectedly gets 50° hotter...or colder.

30 units



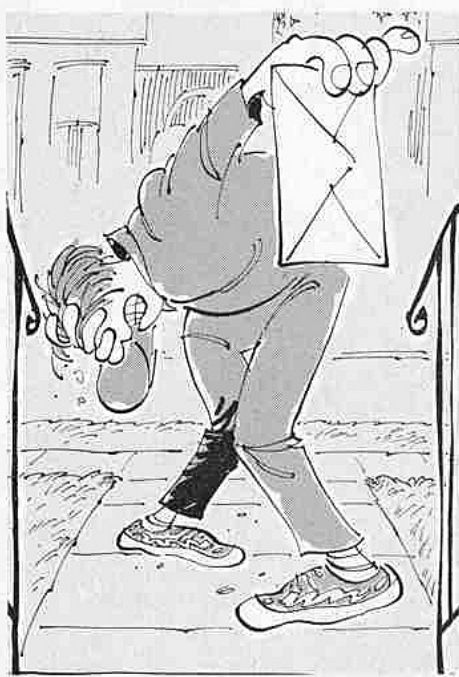
Wondering just how much rat hairs and droppings in your food is "acceptable."

15 units



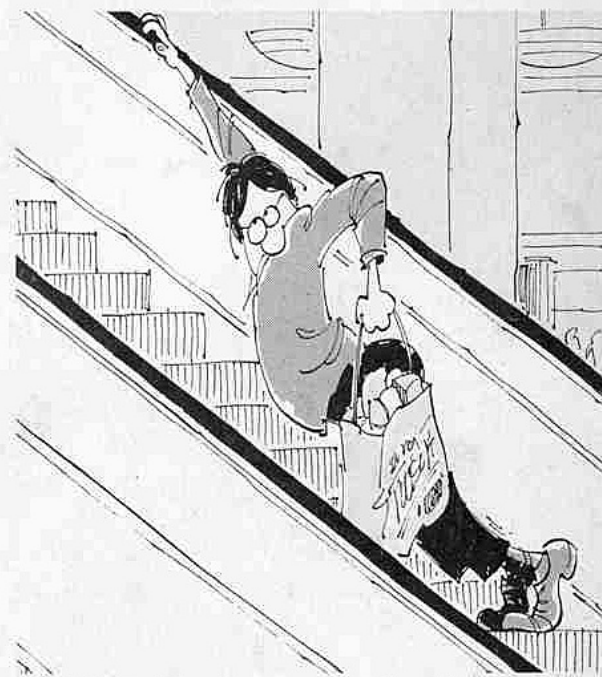
Trying to carry on a casual conversation with a Priest.

45 units



Bringing home a note from your teacher...in a sealed envelope.

40 units



Noticing that the escalator handrail is going a little faster than you're going on the steps.

15 units

or going to a hospital. This is a good idea...except that the events measured are usually big, major stuff! And MAD knows that it's really the little, everyday things that drive people crazy! Which is why it's time for...

STRESS CHART

ARTIST: PAUL COKER WRITER: DESMOND DEVLIN



Eating food that looks back at you.

20 units



The D.J. who starts talking in the middle of your favorite record.

25 units



Fat people blocking you on stairways.

30 units



Those irritating little hairs that are inside your shirt after your haircut.

1 unit per hair



Trying to swallow an aspirin at a public water fountain.

20 units



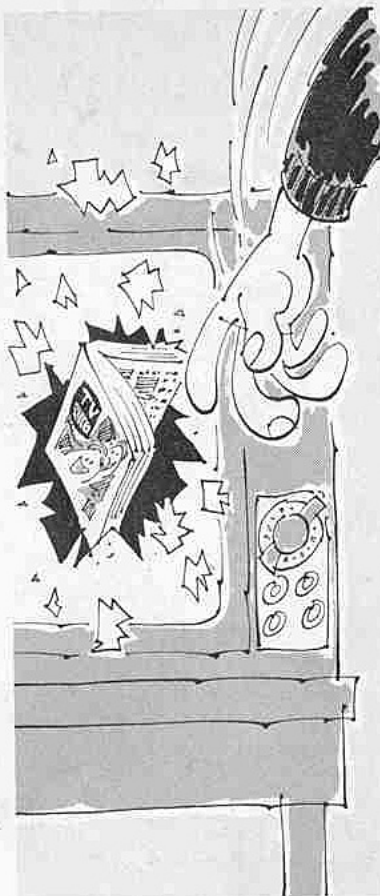
When your doctor takes the family aside.

40 units



Getting clothes you have to grow into.

25 units



Your "TV Guide" arrives three or four days late.

15 units



When you start to sneeze, and you don't.

15 units

SCORING

0-249

You're calmer than a cucumber, and as together as two peas in a pod. In other words, you're a vegetable! It would take something like *THE DAY AFTER* to faze you... maybe! Life doesn't bother you at all, and you don't let little things get to you... and with an attitude like that, you're probably sicker than anybody else taking this test.

149-299

You're the type who tends to get upset easily over certain things... things like gravity, the change of seasons, Tuesday, etc. We suggest that you do not seek employment near small children! Or even adults, for that matter!

OVER 300

You're under no more stress than the next guy (providing that the next guy is Charles Manson)! Frankly, you need a lot more help than you're gonna find here for a buck and change! In the meantime, why don't you stop by MAD's office next time you're in town! We're always on the lookout for fresh talent!



Getting splattered by a speeding bus.

30 units

While wearing a brand new suit.

40 units

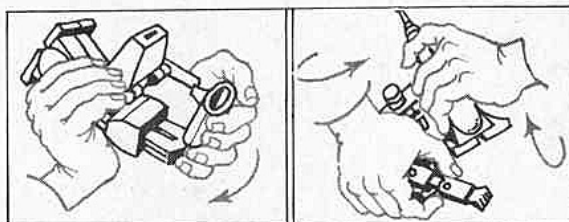
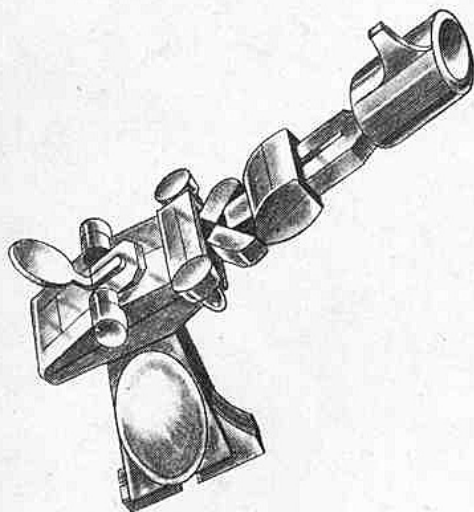


When the little red string on the Band-Aid breaks.

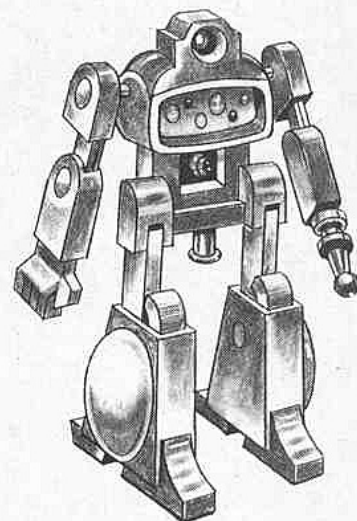
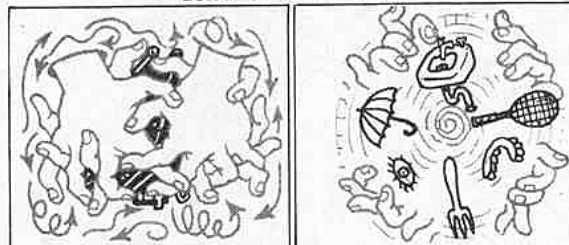
10 units

CHANGE REACTION DEPT.

GOBOTS and TRANSFORMERS are the hottest toys of the year! As the name implies, these toys transform from one thing into another. For instance, a few deft twists of its moveable parts, and a

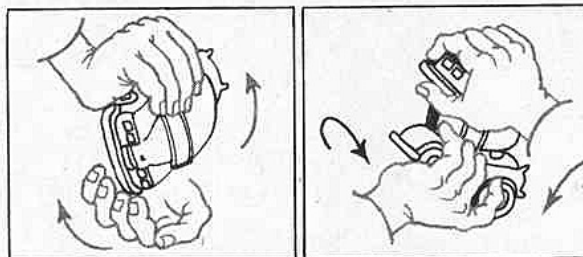
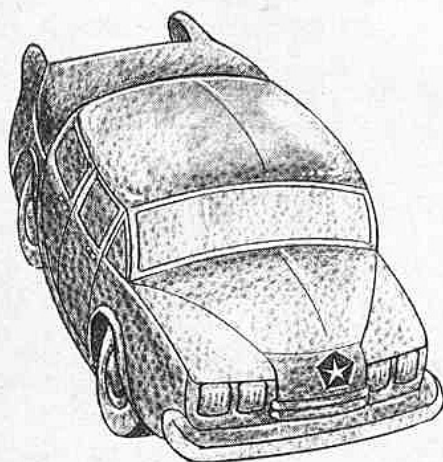


GUN BECOMES A ROBOT

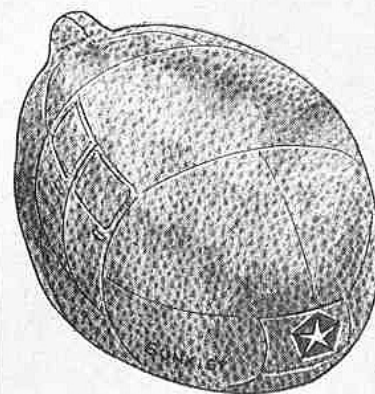
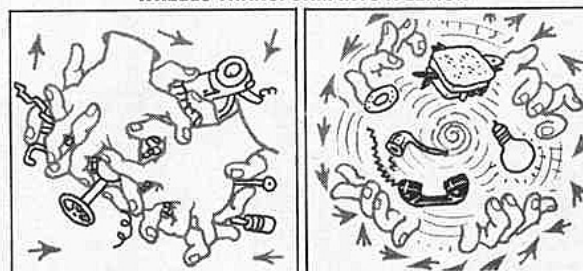


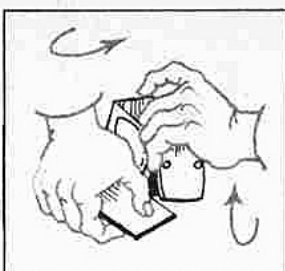
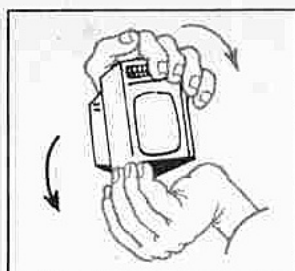
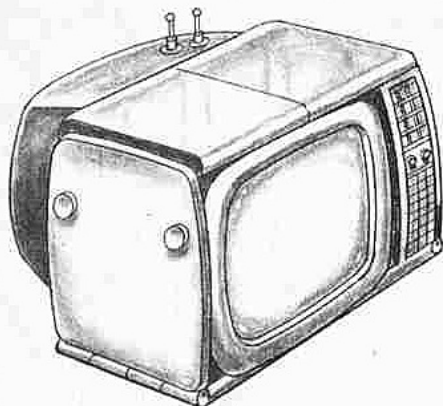
Great! Except they only deal in the fantasy world! What kids need today are toys that deal in the real world! Toys like MAD's...

TRULY LOGICAL TRANSFORMERS

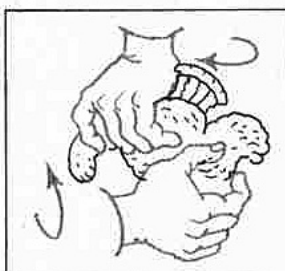
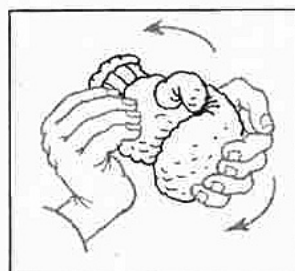
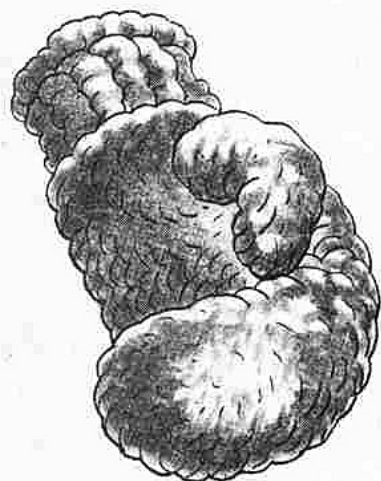
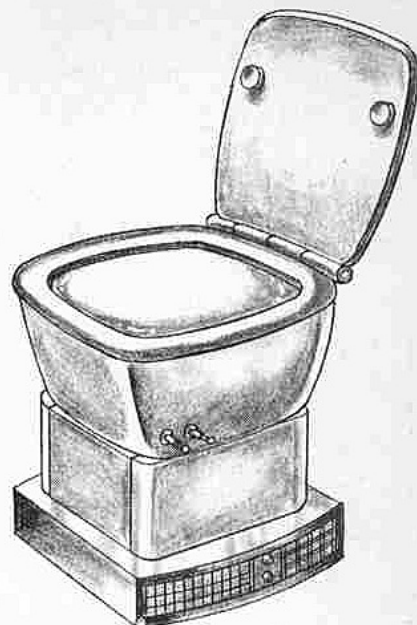


WHEELS TRANSFORM INTO A LEMON

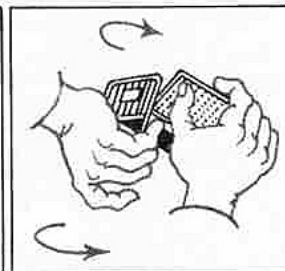
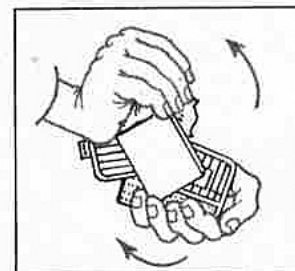
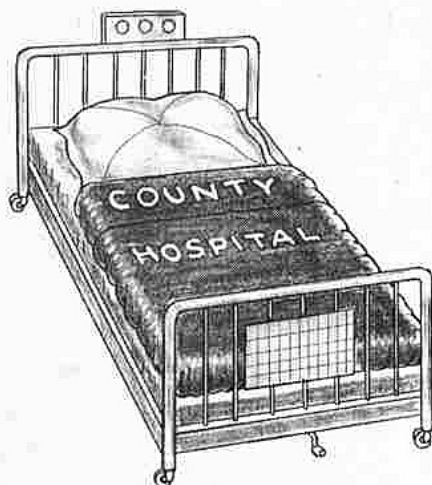
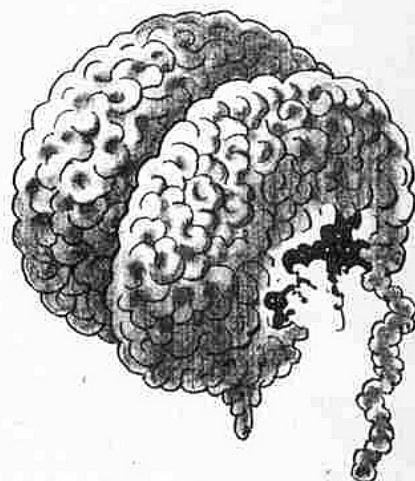
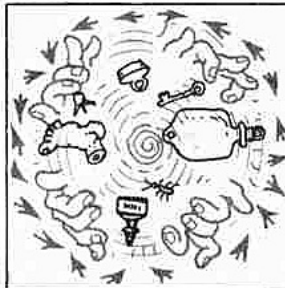
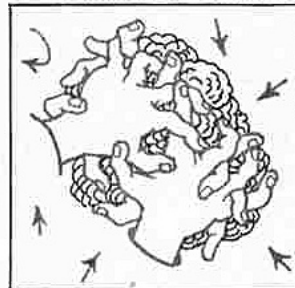




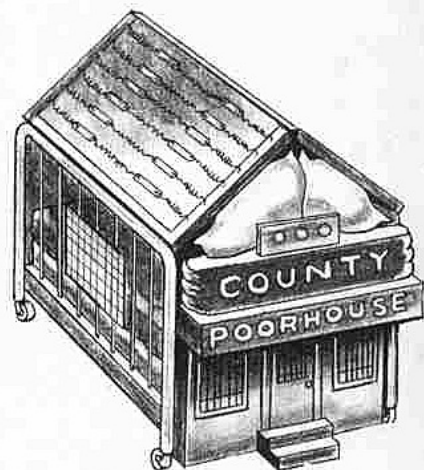
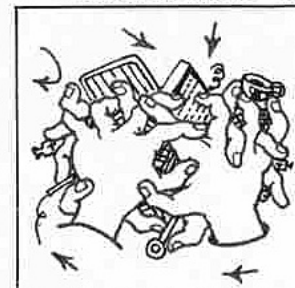
THE BOOB TUBE TRANSFORMS INTO THE FAMILY THRONE

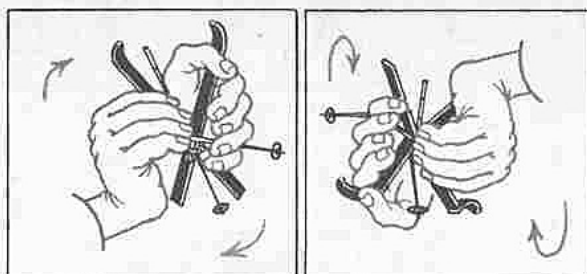
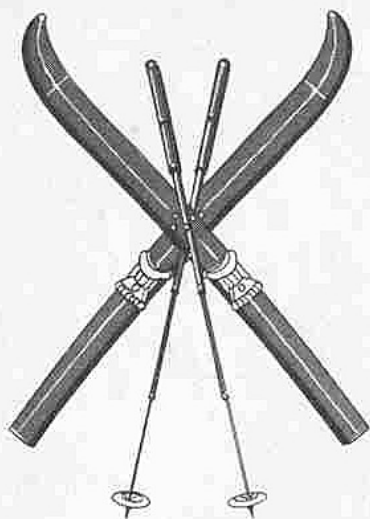


BOXING GLOVES TRANSFORM INTO BATTERED BRAINS

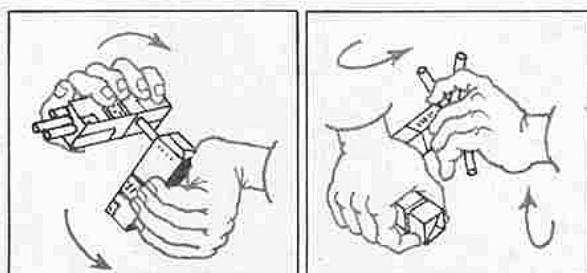
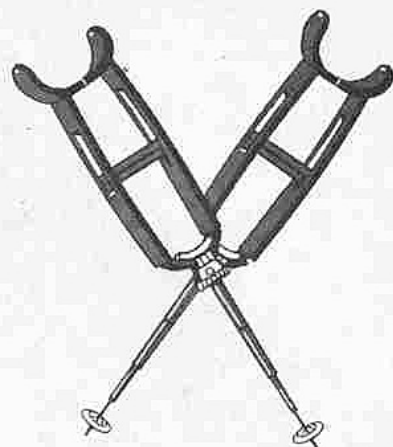
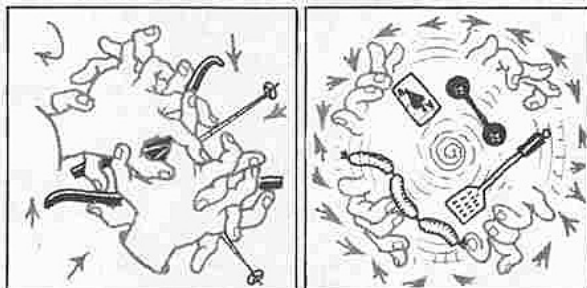


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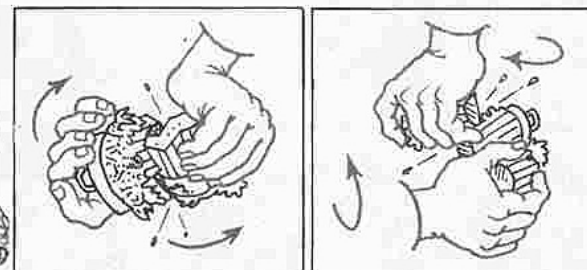
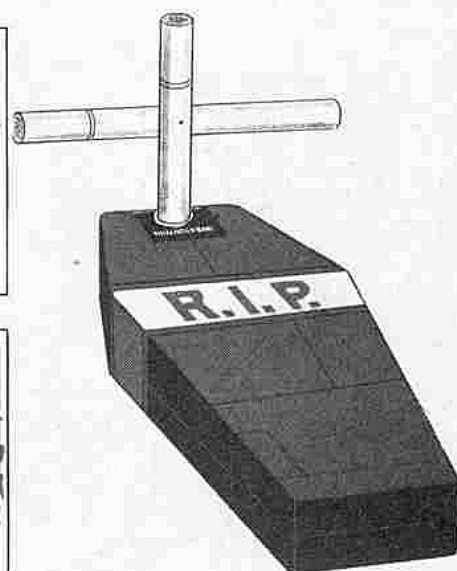




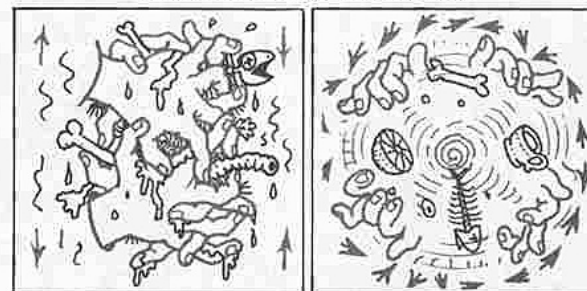
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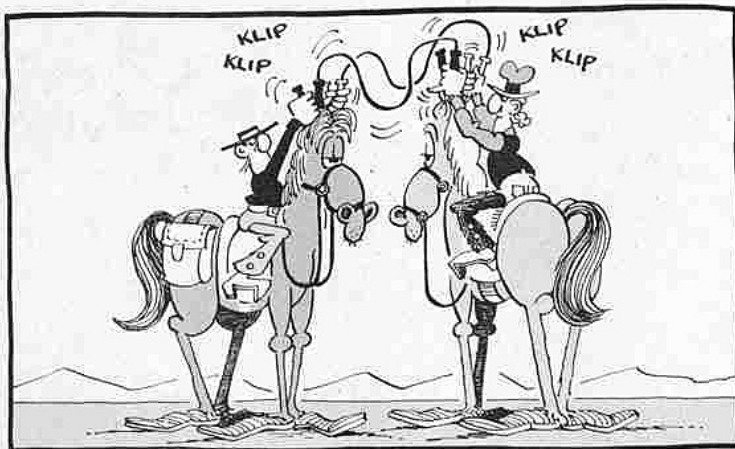
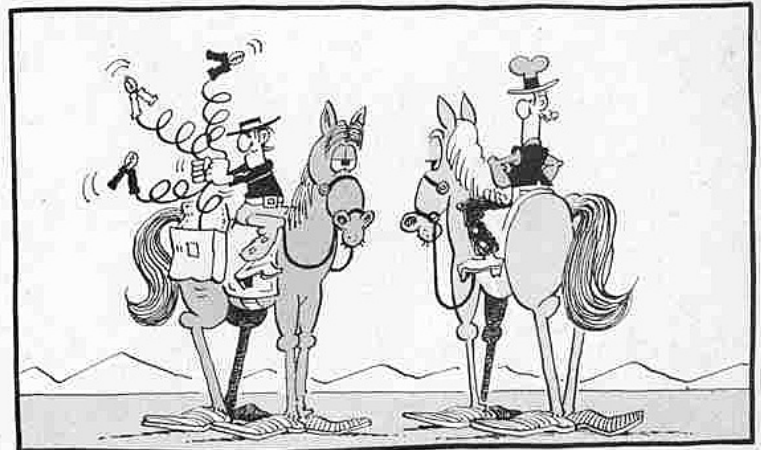
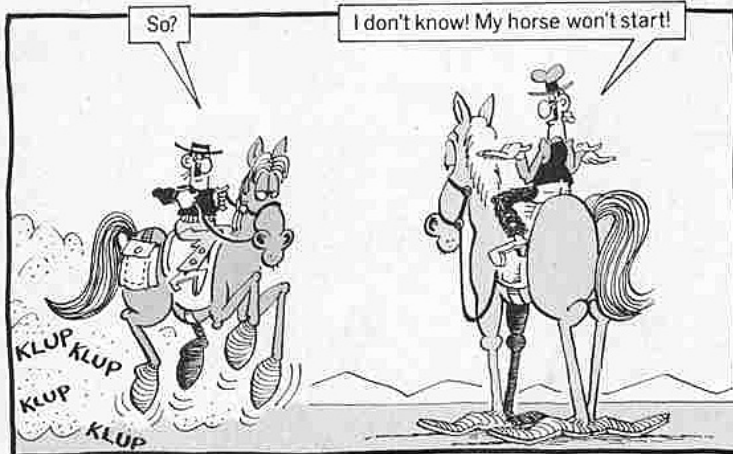
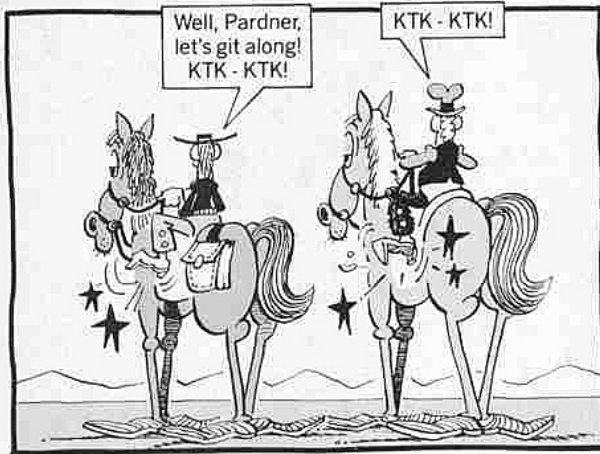


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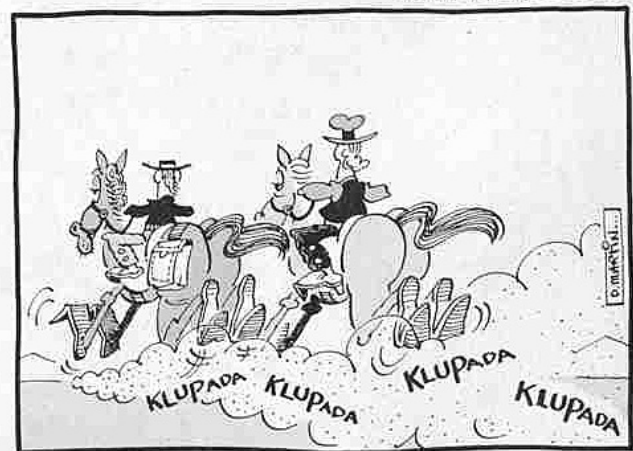
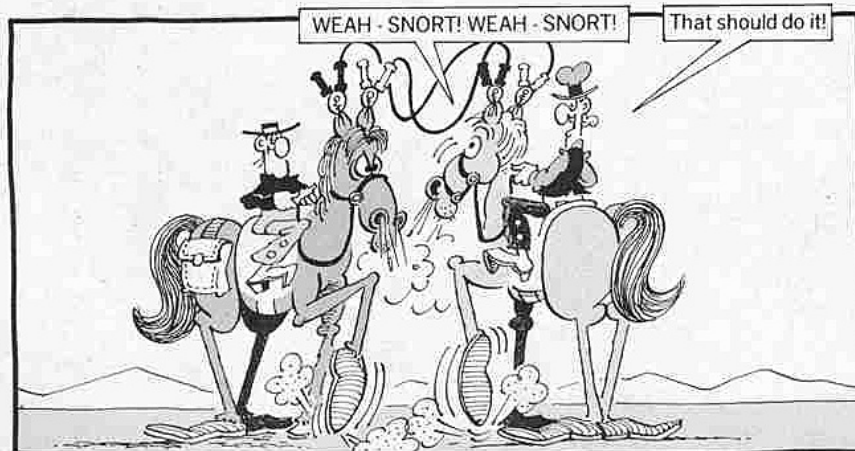


Al Jaffee

ONE GLORIOUS EVENING IN DEATH VALLEY



WRITER: ALAN ZWEIBEL



Isn't it great the way we start every episode with exterior scenes, shot on real New York streets. It adds such an authentic flavor to the show.

Not really! Walking down a New York street without stepping in doggie-do, being harassed by panhandlers, or smelling piles of rotting garbage—that's authentic?

C'mon, we deserve a little suspension of disbelief! After all, we're not a typical sit-com!

Right! We're not one-dimensional. We're not predictable.

We're not funny!

Hmmm. Maybe we are a typical sitcom!

But whatever happens to us on the rocky road of divorced motherhood, we should always be grateful we've got each other.

That's for sure, 'cause neither one of us has enough charisma to sustain a series on our own!

I think we better head home for dinner. Ask that man what time it is.

My god! A citizen vigilante!

But she only wanted the time! We weren't going to mug you!

I know! You were going to bore me! I've seen you two in action before!

DIVORCE CAUGHT DEPT.

So begins a typical episode of a successful new television series about a "household of the '80s". In this house there are no fathers, just two divorced mothers and their three kids. These two single moms are competent, caring and very well adjusted to their "modern" living arrangement. Yes, they have a relationship that's very "today" and very "progressive" except that in a couple of key ways they're very traditional, which is why we call this show:

MATE & ALI-MONY

ARTIST: MORT DRUCKER

WRITER: DENNIS SNEE



What a day!

Hassles at the office?
No seats on the subway?

You got it. But the worst thing was when I had to pass a bunch of **obnoxious** construction workers!

They ogled and whistled?

Worse. They totally ignored me!

That is obnoxious!

So how were things at home today?

The usual whining, and pouting and childishness.

Kids were tough, huh?

I'm talking about me! Haven't you noticed those three things are my only emotions?

I thought you acted that way because your ex-husband, **Charles**, got custody of your personality in the divorce settlement!

I MISS YOU, HANE!
Chico

Hi **Charles**, this is **Allimony**. I just want to let you know you can pick up the kids Wednesday at six. **Bye**.

I hate talking to those things!

Phone answering machines?

No, boring ex-husbands! That was **Charles**! Compared to him, a phone answering machine is a laugh a minute!

POTS POT POTRZEBIE

Mate, I'm worried about **Emmy** and **Jetty**. I think our attitude toward men is having a bad effect on them.

You think they're becoming hostile toward boys?

Not all boys, just **Chimp**. Lately they have been beating the living crap out of him!

WHAM!

WAK!
AND
SOCK!

He deserves it, mom! Two of the cutest guys in school called us up and **Chimp** told them we weren't home.

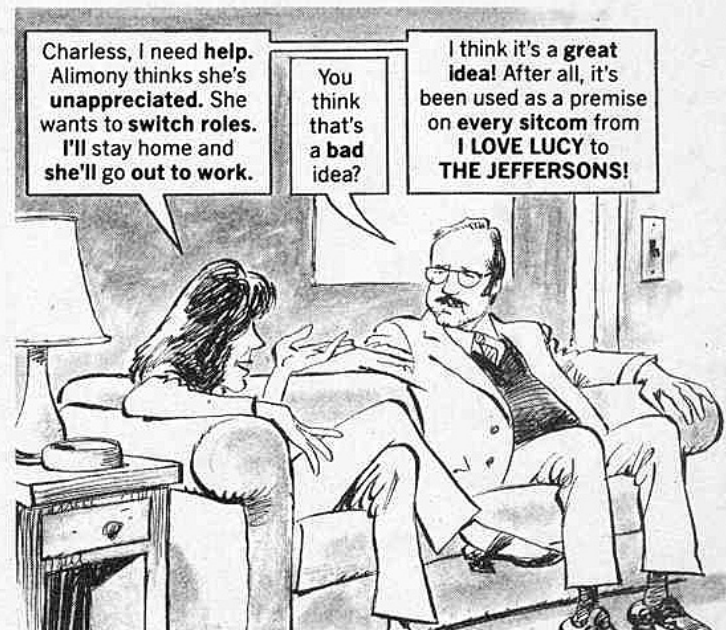
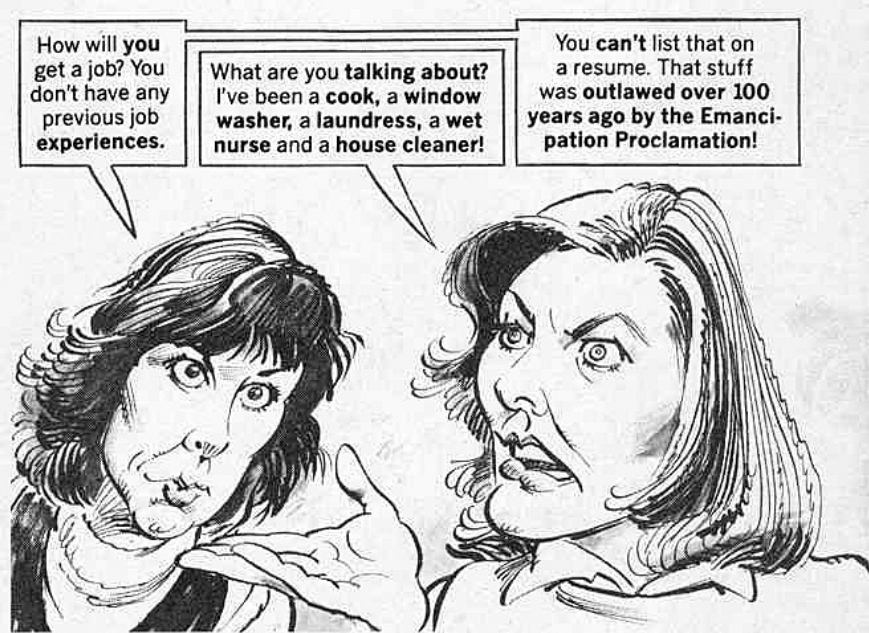
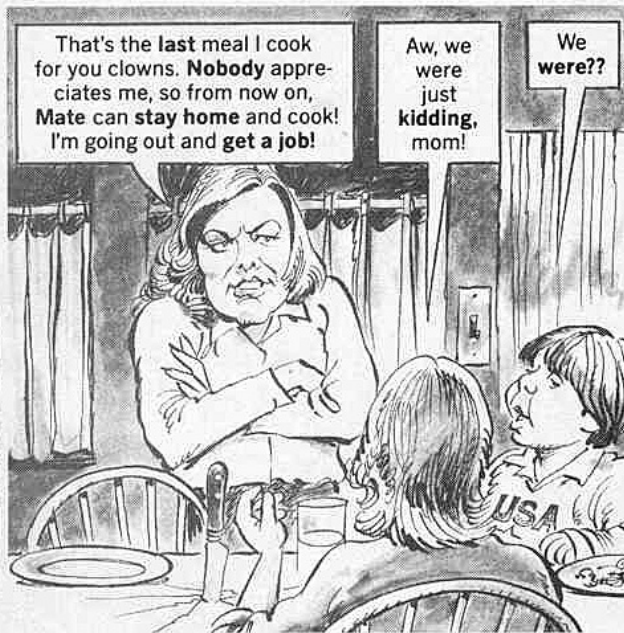
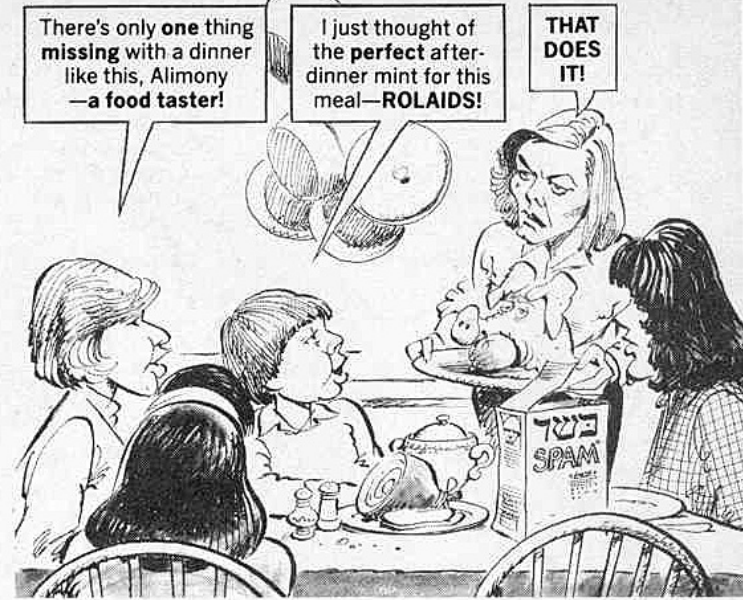
Now, now. Remember, boys will be boys, **Jetty**.

But he told them we were out buying toilet paper to stuff into our training bras!

Well, that's not the worst thing he could have said.

He also told them that flat-chested women run in our families!

THAT'S the worst thing he could have said!



The problem is, when we moved in together, **Allmony** agreed to stay home because I told her I was a **lousy housekeeper**. But I am really a **great housekeeper**! I just wanted to be a **working woman**. I lied to Allmony, but I can't possibly tell her now.

Why not?

Because we're only 12 minutes into this episode, and our 30-second "**problem resolution and moral segment**" doesn't happen for another ten minutes!

Allimony, what's this **nonsense** about you not being appreciated?

You were **unappreciated** just fine when we were married! Why go through a **messy divorce** just to wind up the same way!

That's not funny, Charless! If we wanted **laughs** we'd click on Monday Night Football and listen to O.J.!



I'm sorry, Mate, but I really feel I have to **get a job**. I'm **alienated** by my **unrealized potential**.

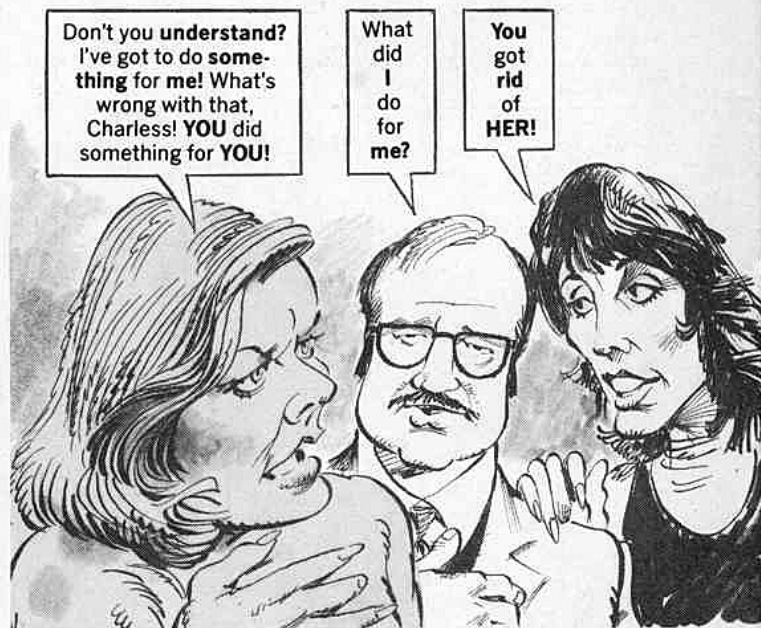
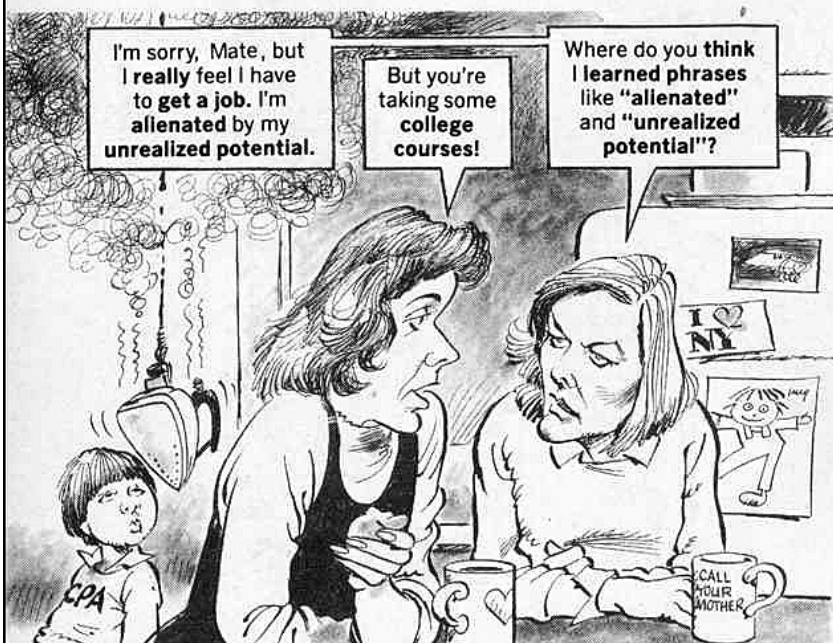
But you're taking some college courses!

Where do you think I **learned** phrases like "**alienated**" and "**unrealized potential**"?

Don't you understand? I've got to do **something** for me! What's wrong with that, Charless! **YOU** did something for **YOU**!

What did I do for me?

You got rid of **HER**!



We're all ready to go, dad.

Great! Boy, I love our evenings together!

So do we! We can use the "**on camera**" exposure!

Yeah, going out with you, then making **bad jokes** about the restaurant, is about as **meaty** as our roles **get on this show**!

Charless, I'm having a **tough time** paying all the bills. Do you think you could **voluntarily** increase my monthly **support payments**?

You have a **short memory**, Allimony. You **divorced** me because I was **boring** and **non-descript**, not because I was **stupid**!





There's something I've wondered about, Alimony. How come when you and Charles got divorced, **he** wound up with a **big place** in Connecticut, and **you** wound up in this marginal **dump** in dirty Greenwich Village?!!

I know. It's the **worst settlement** in divorce history. **Live and learn.**

What did you learn?

Never hire a divorce lawyer at **K-Mart!**



Forget it, Alimony. You're **never** going to find a job. You have **no qualifications!**

Don't make me **laugh!**

Don't worry—That's one thing **nobody** in this house will **ever** be accused of!



Aha! "**Not qualified**", am I? Listen to this: "**Wanted: Adventurous females 18 to 40. Meet new people. Entertain in your home or client's location. Big money and fun!**"

Sounds like they're advertising for **hookers.**

Eh, forget it. Charles says I'm **not qualified** for that, either!



Yeah, husbands sure can be **rotten!** My ex, Jax, was always complaining about my **lousy cooking.**

Oh, lots of husbands complain about their wives' **bad cooking.**

During **SEX!?!**



Boy, I really love being a **child actor!** I've always dreamed of being in a **TV sitcom!**

Keep dreaming maybe **someday** you will be!

But this is a **sitcom!**

Wrong. You have to have some **comedy** to be a "**sit-com**". This is just a "**sit**"!

Actually, this show is so **bland**, they've established a **new category** for it—a "**sit-coma**"!



Come on, Emmy, eat **something!** You've spent the last 20 minutes **pushing** your cole slaw around your plate!

I've got **news** for you! I didn't **touch** that cole slaw! If it **moved**, it was **moving** on its own!



I'll say this for you, Mate. Now that **you've** taken over the cooking, **eating** has become a religious experience!

Yeah, the way you cook, we **pray** before each course!

That's it! I give up! Mate, go back to work. I'll stay home and take care of the housework.

Sounds good to me!

Sounds good to you? Our taste-buds are doing cartwheels!

I thought you were kidding when you said it was a "jungle out there!" I just talked a guy out of stealing my bag by giving him a banana!

MY CHAIR

I'm sorry I lied to you about me not being a very good housekeeper.

And I'm sorry I **resented** you for wanting to work.

See, that's what people like about our show. We are **real** women, who make **real** mistakes, but remain **real**, true best friends.

Yeah, and your feet **really** smell! Why don't you get some **real** "Odor-eaters"? Enough reality!

That's the only problem with our friendship. We never **REALLY** clear the air.

You're **right!** And I think I know a way to help us **vent** our deepest feelings.

You were terrible in "McMillan And Wife!"

Me? You'd need acting lessons to carry Gilda Radner's makeup!

Oh yeah! You're the only woman who could make Rock Hudson look effeminate!

I heard the name "Not Ready For Prime Time Players", was inspired by your TV career!

Now this is honesty!

Let me at her!!!

**WHAT IS FAST
BECOMING
AMERICA'S
MOST EXPENSIVE
LEISURE TIME
ACTIVITY?**

HERE WE GO WITH ANOTHER RIDICULOUS **MAD FOLD-IN**

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